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OVER NIAGARA FALLS

Fate of a Schooner That Was
Used as an Experiment.
SHE WAS DASHED TO PIECES.

A Thrilling Sighting From the Time She
Struck the Seething Rapids Until
The Mighty Falls Tore Her Into
Splinters—A Pair of Tough Geese.

The following story of the first public
excursion to Niagara Falls was
written at the time by an eyewitness:
"The schooner Michigan was the
largest vessel on Lake Erie at that
time. She was too large, in fact, to
enter the various harbors on the lake,
and, being somewhat decayed in her
uppers, the owner, Major Frazer, got
the idea that she would answer the
purpose of testing the fate of a vessel
that by accident might approach too
near the cataract and also the fate of
living things that might be caught in
the rapids. The proprietors of the
large public houses at the falls on both
sides of the river and of stages and
steamboats made up a purse to pur-
chase the schooner, aware that they
would be amply repaid by the specta-
tors that the exhibition would attract.

"For several days previous to Sept.
6, 1825, the day for which the affair
was fixed, which was Saturday, the
stages and canalboats came to Buffalo
crowded with people. On the night of
Sept. 5 wagons filled with country
people rattled through the village in
unbroken procession all night long, and
on the morning of Sept. 6 Buffalo it-
self seemed to be moving in one mass
toward the point of attraction. Five
steamboats had been advertised to
leave Buffalo Saturday morning. They
were the Henry Clay, William Penn,
Pioneer, Niagara and Chippewa. The
Chippewa was appointed to tow the
schooner Michigan to the Niagara river.
I was a passenger on her.

"As soon as we got well under way
the scene became interesting. The other
four steamers came plowing along
in our wake, crowded to the guards
with passengers and bands of music
playing. The Chippewa towed the big
schooner to Yale's landing, on the Can-
ada side of the Niagara river, where

our passengers went ashore, as did
those of the William Penn. The pas-
sengers of the Henry Clay and Pio-
neer landed on the American side.
Yale's Landing was three miles above
the falls, and the crowds of people
were taken from there on down the
river in wagons of all kinds. The hour
fixed for towing the Michigan from
Yale's Landing to the rapids was 3
in the afternoon.

"This task, an extremely hazardous
one, was intrusted to the oldest sailor
on the lake, Captain Rough. With a
yawl boat and five sturdy oarsmen the
old captain got the schooner under
way. They towed her to within a quar-
ter of a mile of the first rapids and
within half a mile of the tremendous
precipice itself—as near as they dared
approach. They cut the big vessel
adrift, and she passed majestically on,
while the oarsmen of the yawl had to
bend their every nerve and muscle to
remove themselves from the peril of
being drawn down by the rushing wa-
ters. Indeed, such had been the fear
and apprehension of the men that they
mutilated against Captain Rough and
cut the towline before the time he
had set. If they had obeyed the reck-
less old captain, he, the yawl and its
crew would have preceded the Michi-
gan over the falls.

"The high grounds on both shores of
the river were lined with people as the
Michigan, unguided by human agency,
approached, head on, the first rapid of
the seething descent, apparently keep-
ing the very course that a skillful na-
vigator would have guided her in. The
American ensign streamed from her
bowsprit and the British jack floated
at her stern. The vessel shot the first
rapid unhurt, still head on, making a
plunge, shipping a sea and rising from
it in beautiful style. In her descent of
the second rapid, the water momentari-
ly increasing in velocity and tumult,
her towering masts went by the board,
giving the spectators a startling repre-
sentation of the crashing of a vessel's
spars in a shipwreck at sea. She
swung around and presented her
broadside to the dashing and foaming
water, and, after remaining, as it seem-
ed, stationary for a moment, swung
around until she was headed upstream.

"Passing the third rapid she bilged,
but carried her hull to all appearances
whole as she tossed and groaned be-
tween Grass Island and the British
shore to the Horseshoe fall, over which
she was drawn stern foremost and
hurled into the thundering abyss. She
was dashed to fragments before she
struck in the seething waters below.
Immediately after she went over hun-
dreds of people hurried below the falls.
The river was covered with fragments
of the vessel. Nowhere could be found
as much as two boards nailed together,
and her great timbers were broken into
bits like firewood.

"There were aboard the Michigan
when she started on her trip toward
the falls a wild bull buffalo from a
western prairie, two bears from the
Lake Superior regions, two foxes, a
raccoon, a dog, a cat and four geese.
When the vessel left Yale's landing in
tow all these were let loose on the deck
except the buffalo. He was inclosed in
a pen. The two bears got enough of
the trip when the vessel began the
descent of the first rapid, and they
climbed down the side next the Canada
shore, plunged into the swift water,
breasted its powerful sweep success-
fully and reached the shore. They were
so exhausted when they got on land
that they made no resistance to being
captured. The bears, before they aban-
doned the ship, climbed the masts of
the vessel and, as it was presumed,
from that outlook saw what their fin-
ish would be anyhow and then deter-
mined to take the chances of getting to
land, slim as they were. The raccoon
ran up a mast and remained there un-
til the mast fell. He was never seen
again. The foxes ran frantically up
and down the deck and went over with
the schooner. As did the buffalo bull
and the geese. Not a trace of foxes or
buffalo was ever found. Two of the
geese swam ashore half a mile below
the falls. The other two met the fate
of the buffalo and the foxes."

HIT HIM IN TWO PLACES.

The Way Cicero Treated His Devoted
Admirer Petrarch.

In the early autumn of 1358 Petrarch
suffered an accident which may be
narrated in his own words. "You shall
hear," he writes to a friend, "what a
trick Cicero, the man whom I have
loved and worshiped from my boyhood,
has just played me. I possess a huge
volume of his letters, which I wrote
out some time ago with my own hand
because there was no original manu-
script accessible to the copyists. Ill
health hindered me, but my great love
of Cicero and delight in the letters and
eagerness to possess them prevailed
against my bodily weakness and the
laboriousness of the work. This is the
book which you have seen leaning
against the doorpost at the entry to
my library. One day while going into
the room thinking about something
else, as I often do, I happened inad-
vertently to catch the book in the
fringe of my gown. In its fall it struck

me lightly on the left leg a little above
the heel. 'What! My Cicero,' quoth
I, bantering him, 'pray what are you
hitting me for?' He said nothing, but
next day as I came again the same
way he hit me again, and again I
laughed at him and set him up in his
place. Why make a long story? Over
and over again I went on suffering the
same hurt, and, thinking he might be
cross at having to stand on the ground,
I put him up a shelf higher, but not
till after the repeated blows on the
same spot had broken the skin and a
far from despicable sore had resulted.
I despised it, though, reckoning the
cause of my accident of much more
weight than the accident itself. At
last, when the pain was too much not
only for my wit, but for sleep and
rest, so that to neglect the thing any
longer seemed not courage, but mad-
ness, I was forced to call in the doc-
tors, who have now for some days
been fussing over this really ridicu-
lous wound, not without great pain
and some danger to the wounded limb,
as they insist, though I think you know
just what reluctance I place on their
prognostications either of good or evil.
So this is how my beloved Cicero has
treated me. He long ago struck my
heart, and now he has struck my leg."
—From H. C. Hollway-Calthorpe's "Pe-
trarch."

GUIDEPOSTS IN FRANCE.

A Striking Feature of the Roads
Throughout the Country.

A feature of the roads of France is
the ever present guidepost. These guide-
posts consist of an iron plaque about
two feet long and a foot high securely
mounted on sturdy posts or fastened
to some substantial wall. They are
painted in white and blue and show
without any possibility of mistake not
only the commune or township in
which they stand, but the next impor-
tant place in either direction as well as
the distances between all the chief
points upon that route. Thus you will
find if you are traveling on a road
which leads to Paris that the name of
the metropolis will appear on the sign-
board, although it may be several hun-
dred kilometers distant.

In addition to these guideposts the
Touring Club of France has put on the
chief roads a series of signs and
symbols to indicate to motorists and
bicyclists what sort of a road they are
approaching. The sign "talentir," which
translated into good United States
means to "let up," has caused many a
motorist who is unfamiliar with the
road he is traveling to slow down and
to find shortly after the sign had been
passed that it was well that he paid at-
tention to it because of a steep grade
or some abrupt turn. There is no ex-
cuse, in view of the symbols and sign-
boards, for any one motoring in France
to get on the wrong road or to come
unexpectedly into trouble.—Frank Pres-
brey in Outing Magazine.

MADE IT RIGHT.

Yet It Was Not Easy For the Salesman
to Grasp the Boss' Scheme.

In one of the suburbs of London
there is a wholesale firm the senior
member of which may be known as
Mr. Blank. The firm has two traveling
salesmen—a single man, receiving 30
shillings per week, and the other a
married man, drawing £2 per week.

A short time ago the single man, be-
ing in the shop and looking over mat-
ters, discovered that the married sales-
man was receiving 10 shillings per
week more salary than himself, while
he (the single man) was selling more
goods. He called Mr. Blank's atten-
tion to this and suggested that, as he
was selling more than the other fel-
low, he should at least receive as much
pay.

The senior partner acknowledged the
apparent inconsistency and assured the
man that he would look into it and if
the statement were correct he would
make matters right.

Another week rolled by, and when
the single man came to draw his sal-
ary from the bookkeeper he was sur-
prised to find only 30 shillings passed
out to him the same as before. He de-
murred. The bookkeeper insisted he
had received no instructions to raise
his pay and referred him to the gov-
ernor. Approaching Mr. Blank, he
said:

"You remember, sir, I spoke to you
last week about my salary, stating
that, while I was selling more goods
than the other traveler, I was receiv-
ing less pay, and I thought I should
receive as much as he did. You assured
me you would look into it and make
matters right."

"Yes," said Mr. Blank, "I remember
your mentioning the matter, and I
made it right, didn't I?"

"Why, no; I don't see how you have,
as the bookkeeper has just paid me
the same amount as before. I can't see
how that is making it right, sir."
"You don't understand," said the
senior partner. "I have made it right.
You thought you ought to have as
much pay as the other man, and I
have made it right by cutting the other
fellow's pay down."—London Tit-Bits.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington D. C., Feb. 13, 1908.—
Twice within a week the Bryan
question has been raised on the
floor of the House, both times by
Democrats. Once Representative
Leake of New Jersey got the floor
long enough to violently attack the
"peerless leader" and within a
few days Mr. Hamill, also of New
Jersey got a chance to get back in
Mr. Bryan's defense. Of course
the controversy was immensely en-
joyed by the Republicans who egged
on the two speakers. Mr. Leake in
attacking Mr. Bryan was cheered
vigorously by some of the members
on his own side and Mr. Hamill in
his reply was cheered perhaps
more vigorously. The details of the
controversy hardly matter. The
interest in the passage lies in the
fact that it shows Mr. Bryan to be
what he has long been, almost the
only real issue in the Democratic
party.

When Mr. Hamill arose to speak
this week it was in the course of
the debate on the Appropriation
bill and Mr. Sherman of New York
raised a laugh by rising gravely to
a point of order and objecting to the
discussion on the ground that the
bill carried no appropriation for
William J. Bryan. The whole dis-
cussion over Mr. Bryan was as to
whether or not he represented the
"true principles of Democracy." This
seems to be purely a question of
definition and if there be anyone
either inside or outside the Demo-
cratic party who can settle this
satisfactorily, the Bryan issue can
be disposed of. Naturally nobody
can settle this definition except to
his own satisfaction, so Mr.
Bryan remains the issue and is
likely to so remain till the thing is
settled by a majority of the party on
the floor of the convention hall at
Denver.

On the other side of the House
and Senate, too, there is more lati-
tude of issue but it is still of the
same personal sort. The Taft, For-
aker split is serious enough, and
the situation has not been cleared
much by the Republican primaries
in Ohio in which the Taft element
was successful. The Supreme
Court out there decided the Taft
faction of the state committee was
the one legally in control and this
made the primaries practically a
walkover for Secretary Taft's
friends. There was some faint hope
among people who did not know
Joseph Benson Foraker very well,
that the Senior Senator from Ohio
might acquiesce in this situation
and thereby put a period to the
strife in Ohio. But he has announ-
ced that he would do no such thing.
He proposes carrying on the fight
to the floor of the convention if
necessary. The Foraker faction
now wants to call a mass meeting
by counties, declare the action of
the Taft committee illegal and make
a bid for the recognition of a solid
contesting delegation in the conven-
tion. Such a course would keep the
Ohio situation stirred up right till
nomination time and with Ohio in a
party broil, the rest of the country,
so far as the Republican nomination
is concerned, would be very much
up in the air. Such tactics prob-
ably would not result in the nomi-
nation of Mr. Foraker, but it would
militate very strongly against the
nomination of Mr. Taft. Altogether
there seems to be the material for a
fine row in both parties.

There has been another newspaper
man picked out of the bunch of
Washington correspondents for the
position of Assistant Secretary of
the Treasury. He is Louis A.
Coolidge, correspondent of the
Springfield Republican, the New
York Commercial and at one or
another time of other papers. He
has been the private Secretary of
Senator Lodge of Massachusetts,
and perhaps an even greater dis-
tinction, has been president of the
noted Gridiron Club of Washington.
The interest in the appointment

lies not so much in the fact that a
correspondent has been raised to
the position of Assistant Secretary
of the Treasury as in the fact that it
is a position that has more than
once been filled by a newspaper
man and has always led to high
preferment in the financial world
outside. Frank Vanderlip, now the
mouthpiece of Wall Street in New
York and vice-president of the City
Bank, was only a short time ago a
Washington newspaper man, then
private secretary to the Secretary
of the Treasury and then Assistant
Secretary of the department itself.
John Edwards, the retiring Assist-
ant Secretary, is an old newspaper
man and will go from the Treasury
to take a responsible position in a
big banking house either of New
York or Chicago.

There was bitter disappointment
both at the Navy Department and
the White House over the decision
of the Naval appropriations Com-
mittee to cut down the estimate for
new battleship construction from
four to two. The President had
confidently counted on the four new
ships and had they been provided
they would have furnished addi-
tional argument against recalling
the battleship squadron from the
Pacific coast on the theory that
there was already the nucleus of a
battleship squadron in Atlantic
waters and that both coasts should
be provided with a strong battle-
ship fleet. One of the remarkable
features in the working of the Naval
appropriations is the way in which
the submarine boat companies slid
in at the last moment and secured
appropriations for more submarines
than the Secretary of the Navy had
asked for. In fact a combination
was made whereby the battleship
appropriation was cut in favor of
submarine construction when it was
too late for the Administration to
marshal its forces and head off the
deal. It has been known for years
that the submarine lobby at the
Capitol is one of the most powerful
and astute in Washington and this
is only another sample of its
activity.

MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS.

Mrs. Lovell White, president of
the Out-Door Art League of San
Francisco, headed a band of women
who worked at the polls during the
recent election there, in behalf of
amendment to provide playgrounds
for the children. The women dis-
tricted the city and stood at every
polling place, handing the voters
cards asking them to vote for the
playgrounds. The amendment won
and the women are happy. But
some of them are now saying that it
would have taken them less time to
vote for the playgrounds them-
selves than to stand all day at the
polls urging others to do so.

IS A MOTHER WORTH LESS THAN A FATHER?

Two small children in New
Jersey, Mildred and William Car-
ter, lost their parents in a wreck,
and a jury sitting in Camden has
just awarded the orphans \$23,000
damages, \$5,000 for the loss of their
mother and \$18,000 for the loss of
their father. There was no insinua-
tion that Mrs. Carter was not a
good mother, but, being a woman, it
was assumed that her value to her
children was less than one-third
that of the father. It will be re-
membered that another New Jersey
jury, some months ago, in award-
ing damages to the parents of school
children killed in a railroad acci-
dent, decided that a son was worth
vastly more than a daughter.

The Kentucky Equal Rights As-
sociation has presented to the
library of the Normal College at
Richmond the History of Woman
Suffrage in 4 volumes., The Life
and Work of Susan B. Anthony, (2
vols.), a copy of the Subjection of
Women, by John Stuart Mill and a
copy of Aunt Jane of Kentucky, by
the clever Kentucky author, Eliza
Calvert Hall.

THE INDEPENDENT

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Thursday, Feb'y 20, '08.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Parish of St. Paul's Memorial P. E. Church, Oaks, Perkiomen, Audubon. The Rev. T. P. Ege, rector. Sunday services: Union Church, Audubon, 10.45 a. m., with Holy Communion first in month. St. Paul's, Oaks, 3.30 p. m., with Holy Communion third in month 8.30 a. m. Children's Evensong last in month 3 p. m. Sunday School 2.30 p. m. Vested choir. Free sittings. Cordial welcome. The rector, residing at Oaks, will be pleased to receive calls for visitation or ministrations. Address Oaks P. O.

Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. S. B. Garrett, pastor. Sabbath School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Song and prayer service, 7 p. m.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. F. C. Yost, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m., and Senior C. E. at 7 p. m.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector. Morning service and sermon, 10.30. Sunday School, 1.45 p. m. Evening service and sermon, 3. Holy Communion, First Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, S. T. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Catechetical class at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6.45 p. m. Bible Study meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

United Evangelical Church, Rev. George R. Riffert, pastor, Trappe—Preaching at 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 1.30 p. m. Limerick—Preaching at 7.45 p. m.; Sunday School at 9 a. m.; C. E. at 7.30 p. m.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia: 7.05, 7.45, 11.30 a. m., 6.05 p. m. Sunday—7.11 a. m., 6.33 p. m. For Allentown: 7.45, 11.02 a. m., 6.22, 6.05 p. m. Sundays—8.30 a. m., 7.39 p. m.

Home and Abroad.

—There
—Was considerable agitation
—About local politics
—About town, Tuesday.
—It is averred that the sidewalk on Fifth avenue east, near Main,
—Moved a little more toward the centre of the earth.

—In consequence of the extra pressure to which it was subjected.
—No casualties have been reported, notwithstanding the rapid circulation of political fabrications.

—And the old town, having again hit normal conditions,
—Will be ready for more excitement in April.

—Washington's Birthday next Saturday,
—February 22.

—Entertainment in the Parish House, Evansburg, next Saturday evening.

—Idleness is the holiday of fools.
—French.

—The Collegeville bank will be closed next Saturday, Washington's Birthday.

—Birdsboro's band proposes buying a large automobile to convey it to rural points where it has engagements.

—Nature never did betray the heart that loved her—Cowper.

—Seven weeks after his marriage, George H. Fox, of Reading, was buried in his wedding suit.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Leaf, well-known residents of Pottstown, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Saturday.

—In lieu of Normal School certificates, teachers in Bridgeport schools must have six months' experience, according to a new edict of the directors.

—The Supervisors of New Hanover township have begun a good roads movement, and have used 4000 tons of crushed stone on the roads the past year.

—The freshet came too soon for some of the ice barvesters along the Perkiomen and other streams, and many of the storage houses are only partially filled.

—The constant request for admission to the Lutheran Orphans' Home, at Topton, have been so pronounced that the trustees are planning to enlarge the Home.

The Jumping Off Place.

"Consumption had me in its grasp; and I had almost reached the jumping off place, when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now, it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles I was a well and happy man again," says George Moore, of Grimsland, N. C. As a remedy for coughs and colds and healer of weak, sore lungs and for preventing pneumonia New Discovery is supreme. 50c. and \$1.00 at Joseph W. Culbert's, the druggist. Trial bottle free.

—At a leap-year party in Pottstown, the other evening, the girls sent cabs for their male guests, furnished them with flowers and refreshments, and footed the whole bill themselves.

Hartranft House Sold.

Nathaniel Keeley, a hotel proprietor, of Coatesville, Pa., has purchased the Hartranft House, Norristown, for about \$90,000.

Bought a Farm.

John Spang, of near Eagleville, has purchased the Margaret Beed farm in Limerick township, between Limerick Square and Schwenksville.

Won Part of a Prize.

Dr. William H. Welker, a native of Red Hill, has won half of the prize of \$2000 offered by the New York Academy of Medicine, for the best original scientific paper on diseases of the kidneys.

S. Gross Fry's Livery.

S. Gross Fry is now in possession of the livery at the Railroad House, this borough, having purchased the outfit of Henry Yost Jr. The new proprietor intends to conduct a well-equipped livery.

Illustrated Lecture.

An illustrated lecture, "The Sources of the Columbia," will be given in Bomberger hall, Ursinus College, on Wednesday evening, February 26, by Dr. Charles H. Shaw, Professor of Botany, Medicochirurgical College, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Dr. Cornish Entertains Thespian Club.

On Friday evening, Valentine's Day, Mrs. Dr. Rebecca Cornish very delightfully entertained the members of the Thespian Club. The Cornish home was decorated in a way appropriate to Valentine's Day and the favors consisted in a generous heart-shaped box of candy.

Trinity Church.

On last Sunday the Sunday school of Trinity church of this place and the Sunday school of Trinity Reformed church of Skippack rendered a missionary program prepared by the Foreign Mission Board of the Church. Each school agreed to contribute ten dollars toward the payment of the debt resting on the Foreign Mission work.

Body of Man With Broken Skull Discovered.

The body of Michael Bordish was discovered by two boys fishing in the Schuylkill, below the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge at Brooks crossing, near Pottstown, Monday afternoon. Stephen Sabo has been arrested on suspicion. He boarded with the Bordish family and was seen in the latter's company near the river, Saturday afternoon.

Matrimony.

On February 15, by Rev. F. C. Yost, D. D., at Trinity church parsonage, this borough, Mr. Harry Z. Cole, of Gratersford and Miss Alice K. Murphy, of Skippack.

Earl Bechtel, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Bechtel, of Pottstown and Miss Ethel S. Wien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wien, of Third avenue east, this borough, were united in wedlock Saturday evening. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the First M. E. church, Pottstown, by the pastor, Rev. B. T. Callen.

Road Vacated.

A jury appointed by the Montgomery County court vacated one road and laid out another west of Greenlane on Wednesday of last week. The jury consisted of J. Vincent Poley, of Royersford; A. D. Fetterolf, of this borough, and Abraham Keely, of Schwenksville. When the American Ice Company built its dam in Deep Creek in 1906, the water was raised to such an extent that the road crossing the creek above the dam became dangerous. The jury decided to vacate 1100 feet of this road. To take its place another road was laid out a half mile further up the creek. The company supplied the land for the road, and no damages were asked.

Keeping Open House.

Everybody is welcome when we feel good; and we feel that way only when our digestive organs are working properly. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the action of stomach, liver and bowels so perfectly one can't help feeling good when he uses these pills. 25c. at J. W. Culbert's drug store.

Death of Amon Geiger.

Amon W. Geiger, who was at the head of the real estate department of the Norristown Trust Company for a number of years past, and who was one of the foremost business men of the county seat, died on Saturday at the age of 61 years. Death was due to apoplexy.

Friends Remember Mrs. Culbert's Birthday.

On Friday, St. Valentine's day, Mrs. J. W. Culbert, of this borough, received 68 post cards in honor of her birthday anniversary. Mrs. Culbert feels very thankful to her many friends for their evidences of kindness.

Candidate For Trustee Honors.

James S. Harley, of Quakertown, is a candidate for appointment as a trustee of the Norristown Insane Asylum to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Dr. Joseph Thomas. Mr. Harley is a prominent manufacturer of Quakertown. It is probable the appointment will come his way.

Claims \$5,000 Damages.

Through his attorney H. I. Fox, Charles J. Vollmer, an insurance agent of Norristown, has entered suit for \$5,000 damages against Edward Beckman, proprietor of a hotel in Trappe, as a recompense for injuries alleged to have been inflicted upon him by Beckman at the hotel.

Trust Company Official Banqueted.

Clayton H. Alderfer, Vice President and Treasurer of the Penn Trust Company at Swede and Main streets, Norristown, was given a banquet Saturday evening at Stritzingers parlors by officers and directors of the Penn Trust Company. On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Alderfer left for a six weeks' tour of Europe.

Evangelistic Meetings.

Special evangelistic meetings will be held in the M. E. church, Evansburg, beginning Saturday evening next, February 22, at 7.45, and to continue for two weeks or longer. On Sunday, February 23, the service will be held in the afternoon at 2.30. The meetings will be conducted by Rev. S. Rice, evangelist, of Philadelphia, formerly of Chicago.

Successful Valentine Fete.

The Valentine fete held in Bomberger Hall of Ursinus College for the benefit of the Athletic Association of the college, Saturday evening, proved to be a success in every way. The proceeds, which will amount to about \$140, will be used in procuring new uniforms for the base ball team. Captain Snyder and Manager Wolf wish to thank all those who helped to make the affair a success.

Large Contract Awarded.

The trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane, Norristown, Friday, awarded the contracts for the erection of the new convalescent building and the chapel and amusement hall on the grounds of the institution, involving an expenditure of \$110,000. The Grater-Bodey Company, of Norristown, was awarded the contract for the lumber and mill work, while the 1,500,000 bricks required will be furnished by the Norristown Brick Company.

A Great Record.

Mrs. Henry Shrum, of Perry township, Westmoreland county, who died at Memorial Hospital last Friday, has an unusual record as a caretaker of children. She had been the oldest of eight children, seven of whom she had raised from childhood to adult age, the parents having died while the children were small. She herself was the mother of 16 children, and in addition to these she had raised six step-children, making in all 29 children whom she had cared for in the years of their childhood.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by his firm.

Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Death.

Winifred Eloise Riddle, daughter of Professor J. Whitford and Mrs. Sue Worrlow Riddle, of Ursinus College, died of pneumonia Monday afternoon, aged about one year. The funeral services will be held to-day (Thursday) at 3.30 p. m. in the Academy building. Interment (private) at Trinity church cemetery; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Teachers' Institute at Pottstown.

The public school teachers of Pottstown evidence no indication of relaxing their efforts to hold their own institute, since the teachers of the other sections of the county continue to regard the Hub as the only place on the map for institutes. The Pottstown institute, this year, will be held from March 30 to April 3, and prominent instructors have been engaged to deliver addresses.

Meeting of Ladies' Aid Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church, was held Monday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Cornish. Following the regular business meeting, the society was entertained with the following program: Piano Duet, Misses Grace Saylor and Mary Bartman; Recitation, Miss Thompson; Vocal Solo, Mr. Fred Fogleman; Instrumental Duets, Messrs. Snyder and Horton. The members decided to organize a mission society and a committee was appointed for that purpose.

Ursinus College Professor a Contributor to the American Political Science Review.

Charles G. Haines, A. M., a member of the Faculty of Ursinus College and teacher of History and Political Science is a contributor to The American Political Science Review, published quarterly at Baltimore by The American Political Science Association. The Professor's contribution relates to the Political Theories of the Supreme Court, and his treatment of the subject stated evidences painstaking research, clearness and precision of thought, and a literary style that is both inviting and commendable.

Dr. J. W. Royer Seeks Clear Title.

Judge Weand held a short session of equity court at Norristown, Monday, when Dr. J. Warren Royer offered evidence to establish his title to a tract of land comprising 6½ acres, in the borough of Trappe. Dr. Royer, who is now 87 years old, inherited the property in question from his father, Joseph Royer, in 1867. Several old deeds dated 1805, 1795, 1772 and 1788 are not on record and on this account he has asked the Court to confirm his title. William Todd, of Norristown, aged 77 years, who was born at Trappe and lived there for fifty years, corroborated Dr. Royer. Ever since he remembers, the Royers have had possession. James R. Weikel, a resident of Trappe, also always knew the property as belonging to the Royers. He was tax collector from 1879 to 1906, and Dr. Royer always paid the taxes on the property.

Married Fifty Years.

Mr. and Mrs. William Todd, of 537 Green Street, Norristown, quietly enjoyed their golden wedding anniversary at their home with their four children Tuesday. The couple were the recipients of many hearty congratulations, Mr. Todd wearing in honor of the anniversary the same high silk hat that he wore when he was a dashing young bridegroom. Mrs. Todd—then Mary A. Saylor, of Trappe—and Mr. Todd, also of Trappe, quietly journeyed to Philadelphia on February 18, 1858, and were married by Rev. Mr. Wentzel, a Lutheran preacher. Five children blessed the union. They were Horace, William, J. Brook, Elizabeth and Katharine. All are living except Horace, the oldest, who died in 1895. Owing to indisposition on the part of Mrs. Todd the couple did not make the celebration a large affair. Mr. Todd, who is 77 years, is well and hearty. He has served as master mason on numerous important contracts throughout the county. Mr. and Mrs. Todd lived the larger part of their lives in Trappe. They removed to Norristown about twenty years ago.

ELECTION RESULTS.

THE VOTE FOR TWO COUNCILMAN CANDIDATES IN COLLEGEVILLE.—SEVERAL BALLOTS CLAIMED TO BE DEFACED AND THROWN OUT.—QUESTION RAISED AS TO LEGALITY OF BALLOTS CONTAINING STICKERS.—THE COURT APPEALED TO FOR DECISION.

The election in this borough, Tuesday, was one of unusual interest, the Republicans being imbued with the determination to give the Democrats no quarter and sweep the field. The returns, not signed by one of the election officers for reasons stated later, showed the election of all the Republican candidates except Mr. Sterner, unexpired term candidate for Council, who tied David Culp, the Democratic candidate. The Republicans had nominated three candidates for Town Council. They did not nominate the fourth candidate for a prospective unexpired term because Mr. Titus—who was about to remove to Norristown—had not yet resigned as Councilman. Subsequently, the Democrats nominated two full term candidates for Council and David Culp for the unexpired term, or for one year. The Democrats kept their action a secret and it was not generally known until a few days prior to the election. This knowledge incensed the Republicans and they proceeded to prepare stickers with the name of Harry Sterner, candidate for Council for one year. These stickers were used on election day. Five of the ballots were rejected because of alleged improper placement of the stickers, resulting in a tie vote as aforementioned. The minority inspector Mr. Culp, refused to sign the returns, and the election officers decided to submit the issue to court yesterday (Wednesday) morning, the issue being made to involve the legality of 56 ballots bearing stickers. The court decided that the stickers were legal and that two of the discarded tickets were valid. Mr. Sterner is therefore elected by two majority. The result of the election is as follows:

Town Council—H. R. Miller, r, 72; Dr. S. D. Cornish, r, 67; Harry T. Detwiler, r, 71; H. H. Koons, d, 60; D. H. Grubb, d, 54; David Culp, d, 60; H. Sterner, r, 62; School Director—W. P. Fenton, r, 84; Jacob K. Rahn, r, 76; Emiel Klausfelder, d, 52; High Constable—John H. Bartman, r, 78; M. N. Bartd, d, 51; Constable—John H. Bartman, r, 78; M. N. Bartd, d, 51; Auditor—D. R. Faringer, r, 77; F. J. Ashenfelter, d, 50; Judge of Election—J. W. Essig, r, 100; Inspector—Robert Moyer, r, 79; Charles N. Barndt, d, 47.

BOROUGH OF TRAPPE.

Council—J. C. Keller, r, 64; Wm. Mo-Harg, r, 46; E. Beckman, r, 41; H. H. Stearly, d, 47; School Director—W. Z. Anders, r, 55; R. D. Saylor, r, 39; W. O. Fegely, d, 51; High Constable—John H. Brunner, r, 38; J. Howard Evans, d, 41; Constable—S. Pugh, r, 55; J. Howard Evans, d, 29; Auditor—Henry Allebach, r, 60; Ralph F. Wismer, r, for two years, 51; Judge of Election—James R. Weikel, r, 51; Daniel W. Shuler, d, 31; Inspector—A. F. Bertolet, r, 48; Jacob W. Wisler, d, 33.

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP.

JUDGES OF ELECTIONS. T. D. M. D. L. D.
Wm. Hunsberger, r, 34
W. N. Linderman, d, 9
C. U. Bean, r, 48
J. W. Fegely, d, 14
M. V. Detwiler, r, 196

INSPECTOR.

M. N. Allebach, r, 31
Jos. W. Stierly, d, 12
D. Rittenhouse, r, 38
A. T. Reed, d, 19
Hiram Famous, r, 198

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR.

Gabriel King, r, 31
Adam Weaver, d, 13
J. Irvin Bechtel, r, 49
John Knauze, d, 14
John B. Dettra, r, 198

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Andrew J. Wilson, r, 33
SCHOOL DIRECTORS.
Jos. W. Thompson, r, 31
C. U. Bean, r, 49
Horace Smith, d, 13
A. T. Reed, d, 15
20 77

ROAD SUPERVISORS.

S. W. Gumbes, r, 31
F. F. Barber, r, 28
H. Ashenfelter, d, 11
John Troutman, d, 17
31 42 182
28 40 168
11 18 64
17 23 63

CONSTABLE.

Charles Wilson, r, 31
Charles Wilson, d, 8
19 42 185
8 12 42

AUDITOR.

Wayne Pearson, r, 32
Wallace Hoyer, d, 12
32 50 185
12 15 59

TOWN CLERK.

Jacob C. Bower, r, 33
LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP.
Road Supervisor—R. J. Casselberry, r, 64; W. E. Bean, d, 114; School Director—John W. Barry, r, 108; Frank Pickett, r, 90; Wm. H. Heiser, d, 74; Wm. H. Childs, d, 60; Constable—John C. Johnson, r, 107; I. G. Rahn, d, 67; Auditor—W. E. Johnson, r, 84; Frank Saylor, d, 94; Judge—H. N. Higley, r, 117; S. C. Heiser, d, 59; Inspector—G. W. Schall, r, 106; Andrew Heiser, d, 69; Town Clerk—S. R. Reiff, r, 105; W. A. Shearer, d, 70.

Neighborhood Favorites.

Mrs. E. D. Charles, of Harbor, Maine, speaking of Electric Bitters, says: "It is a neighborhood favorite here with us." It deserves to be a favorite everywhere. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney derangement, malnutrition, nervousness, weakness and general debility. Its action on the blood as a thorough purifier, makes it especially useful as a spring medicine. This grand alternative tonic is sold under guarantee at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store. 50c.

"Humane Calendar."

The Collegeville W. C. T. U. has placed in the public school rooms of this borough a "Humane Calendar." The upper part of the calendar is decorated with a picture of animals and the leaf for each month has a quotation from different authors pertaining to the care and treatment of dumb animals. The purpose of the quotations is to teach the children kindness to the lower creatures, thus cultivating humane sympathies as well as the intellectual faculties.

Orphans Cared For at Home.

The report that twenty-five children who were made orphans by the recent opera house fire had been sent from Boyertown to a Philadelphia orphanage continues to cause annoyance to the relief committee and the people of that borough. In justice to those who have contributed to the relief funds the committee feels that the public should know that not a single orphaned child has been sent away from Boyertown. All are being cared for by the committee here among their old friends.

Farmers Selling Cows.

The Berks County Milk Shippers' Association held a meeting at Shoemakersville and decided that since the dealers in the cities refuse to pay a reasonable price for their milk they will gradually sell their cows and engage in some more lucrative branch of farming. Some farmers have already sold their cows. They say the advanced price of feed stuff has made the dairy unproductive. This action on the part of the farmers who have made a specialty of supplying the city markets with milk threatens a curtailment sufficient to cause a milk famine in some sections.

Belonged to a Small Religious Denomination.

The recent death of Lewis Printz, aged 81, of Worcester, removed one of the few members of perhaps the smallest religious body in the world. The members of this denomination or sect are known as "Herolites." One meeting house is located in Lancaster, the other in Worcester, about a mile north of Beyer's corner, or Norritonville. There are now but five members of the Worcester congregation remaining. John Herr, who many years ago took issue with some of the tenets of the regular Mennonites, founded the sect. Forty years ago the Worcester congregation numbered about 50 persons.

PERSONAL.

Miss Alice DeWane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. DeWane of Arcola, is spending several days in Philadelphia, as the guest of Mrs. William E. Shea. A theatre party, followed by a supper, was given in her honor, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, of Tioga, are spending some time with Mrs. Miller's parents, Burgess and Mrs. F. J. Clamer.

Miss Adeline Sparten, of Omaha, Nebraska, was a visitor at Meadowcroft last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berron, of Philadelphia, visited relatives in this borough, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. George Clamer and Mrs. John Barrett are spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Miss Madge Stroud is recovering from a severe illness.

Death of John Casselberry, of Illinois.

John Casselberry, a native of Worcester township, this county, where he was born in 1832, died recently at his home in Mt. Carroll, Illinois. His wife and eight children were with him when he died. There are a number of surviving relatives and friends of the deceased in this section of the county, including a brother, Richard J. Casselberry of Oaks. An obituary notice in the Carroll county (Ill.) Mirror gives the information that Mr. Casselberry came to Mt. Carroll in 1859, that he was married in that year to Emily Keck, who died in 1869. Four children were born to them. In 1872 he married Eleanor Barclay and four children were born to them. The obituary article pays a high tribute to the usefulness and excellent character of the deceased, as a husband, father, and citizen.

Ironbridge Echoes.

The dance which was to be given in Eagle Hall Saturday evening was postponed on account of the weather.

The Silver Link Literary Society will hold its bi-weekly meeting Thursday evening February 27, and the following program will be rendered: Instrumental solo, Sadie Hunsicker; recitation, Bertha Saylor; address of welcome; William Hunsberger; vocal duet, Susie Kulp and Randall Detwiler; drama—"Somebody's Nobody;" symphony orchestra, Silver Link Girls; recitation, May Hunsicker; Silver Link quartette; drama, Jumbo Jumb; Silver Link quartette, Eli and Charles Wismer, Earl Moyer and H. Spare; Blossom, Randall Detwiler, editor. All welcome.

Miss Edna Kramer, of Willow Grove, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Miss Sara Frantz, of Providence Square, spent last week with Mrs. W. Troutman.

Items From Trappe.

Rev. W. O. Fegely addressed the students of Muhlenberg College last Thursday.

Miss Lizzie Slotterer, of Norristown, visited her mother and sister, Monday and Tuesday.

With the February election past, interest in the April primaries will be accentuated.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McLaughlin of Conshohocken were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLaughlin, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matchner, of Camden, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Uumstead, Sunday.

James R. Weikel visited John H. Fetterolf and family in Philadelphia, on Sunday.

Ernest W. Sipple has accepted a position in the department of science and mathematics at the Northeast Manual Training High School, Philadelphia.

Miss Kathryn Murphey, of Parkersburg, Pa., was the guest of Ethel Sipple on Saturday and Sunday.

At the regular meeting of Council, Monday evening, the ordinance of the American Union Telephone Company passed upon final reading. The councilmen have done well in thus affording our citizens increased telephone facilities.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Luther Leagues of Bucks, Montgomery, and Chester counties, will be held on Saturday next, February 22, in the East Pikeland church, near Spring City. The delegates in attendance from the Luther League of this borough will be Rev. W. O. Fegely, Miss Laura Bertolet, and Earl Moyer.

Jottings From Limerick.

Quite a number of people would like to know who recently sold a sorrel horse with a blind eye. The animal is now in the hands of a dealer who has some reason to feel that the liars are not all dead. Curiosity is a condition of the human brain that often arouses much discussion among neighbors. Too much of it invites disturbances.

Milton Stauffer of Topton, Pa., spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Our venerable citizen A. P. Fritz, who is President of the Spring City bank and a busy man of business affairs, was eighty years old on Monday. A reception in celebration of his birthday anniversary was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Krause, in Pottstown.

Emily Breisinger and family, of Pottstown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gaugler, Sunday.

Employees of the Postal Telegraph Company have their headquarters at Porro's hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lamb, of Pottstown, and Calvin Sampson of Kulpsville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Drace, Sunday.

A. P. Fritz has purchased the 75-acre farm of Henry Kerper in Frederick township.

Raymond Holt, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mrs. Sara Hartzell.

Robert Smith and Mr. Smiling, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with W. S. Rogers.

A. P. Fritz attended the semi-annual Bankers' Convention at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, last week.

Paragraphs From Yerkes.

James G. Detwiler desires to express his thanks for the friendly visit of a sneak thief to his place, last Saturday evening between the hours of six and eight. The party is known, and there will be no publicity if said party will make reparation. The articles stolen were one round of the best marketable beef, two geese, and one pair of chickens.

The recent rains have left the township roads in a deplorable shape about Yerkes.

The Mennonite school is enjoying the pleasure once more of having about all of its family in attendance. The sickness has passed, thanks to good physicians.

Special Washington's Birthday program by the Crescent Literary Society next Saturday evening. All welcome.

Andrew Pfeiffer, who for many weeks has been a sufferer from a bruised leg, has almost recovered his usual good health.

Emanuel Buckwalter continues in about the same state of health. He has been an invalid for many years.

Roy Griscom, of Norristown, was a visitor at Locust Manor, Sunday. Mr. Griscom has been employed as a civil engineer with the New York Central Railroad Company.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Detwiler and grandchildren May, Royer, Robert, and Carl Williams, visited Mr. and Mrs. Amos G. Gotwals, of Phoenixville, Sunday.

FROM OAKS.

There was a general break up of winter weather the latter part of last week. Rain fell in torrents the forenoon of Saturday. The river Schuylkill was badly swollen, and the channel was filled with ice cakes. The water reached its greatest height about noon. The water overflowed the meadows at Brower's and the dwellers at the lock house were almost cut off from the main land. Fortunately there is an isthmus which requires a higher overflow to cut off communication from the higher land, known as the berm bank, and which affords ingress and egress to the mainland in time of floods. The Perkiomen creek at the bridges below Oaks was a river in magnitude, and it was dangerous crossing with teams. Several persons who attempted attendance at the Mite Society which gave a performance in the chapel at Audubon were forced to return to their homes. Taking it all in all, this is the breaking up of winter, the pretended coming of springtime, as the goosebumps reads, only to be followed by some more winter. The season of Lent with Easter way over in the middle of April, the groundhog's return to his lair, all these things must be taken into consideration before we say spring is on her way. There is very little snow left, and the brown fields are reminders of winter yet. Might jog your memory the least bit. Say nine years ago, February 13, 1899, there was a terrific blizzard and we came near being lost in the snow, getting to our home in the evening. The Perkiomen railroad was shut up for several days, and Collegeville and other towns were as far away as Paris to the Protos at the present time. The snow that fell at the time remained well into March. We would much rather see rain than snow. The great blizzard of 1888 happened in March, and as we have known it to snow a sufficient depth to make good sleighing on St. Patrick's Day we are not out of the woods yet.

The Port Providence Gun Club will have a flying board shoot February 22, Washington's Birthday. Prizes: A double-barreled gun, Stevens' make; a good fat hog, and several ordinary fat ones. Here's your chance for your summer sausage, ham sandwiches, co'n pone and cracklins, as the Southern colored people say.

It was a bad day for funerals. That of Nelson Stackhouse of Post 45, G. A. R., Phoenixville, buried at Zion's cemetery, near Spring City, and that of my good old Comrade Cyrus S. Dettre, Adjutant of the glorious old 88th P. V. V., who died in Florida and was buried from his late residence, 1820 Wallace street, Philadelphia. However, the Lord was good to them, as He permitted the sun to shine about the time of their burial, proving that they fought for the land the Lord thy God giveth thee, so shall the rays of the glorious universe which giveth us light shall shine upon them in all its glory, as one of its defenders. He was true, he was courageous, was brave, and lived to see the results of the hardships, the sufferings, he endured while keeping the standard of the old 88th flying on many battle fields and furling only when victory was secured.

The Lehigh river was so badly swollen the Perkiomen down mail train was late Saturday evening.

Progressive euche, a surprise party to Miss Newell, were the attractions Saturday evening.

The repairsmen were called out to

remove a land slide at Arcola, Perkiomen R. R. caused by the heavy rain.

Breta Nichols received sixty-eight postals on the anniversary of her birth, Tuesday, February 11, and the next day it didn't snow, but it was Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Saturday is Washington's birthday. This is a mighty big nation, big in everything, in every way. Big in heart, and leaves nothing undone for the protection of its citizens, as a battleship will touch at the Gallapagos Islands and search for a man by name of Jeffs. There is much in the meaning of this effort on the part of a great nation to find this man; a modern Robinson Crusoe.

Abe Sloan will occupy the Black-burn stand at Port Kennedy and open a restaurant there.

The election and bean soup supper proceeds for the benefit of the Oaks Fire Company will have been over the INDEPENDENT is read by its patrons.

The scholars of the Green Tree schools, and the scholars of the Quaker school, enjoyed the afternoon of last Monday one week coasting on Hallman's hill.

Prof. C. T. Ellis, known as the Boy Preacher years ago, had the diphtheria, which left him without the power of articulation, paralyzed as it is so reported. The Professor was a most eloquent as well as persuasive speaker, and an hour with him was as but a short time. We hope he will regain his former self again and still continue to do good in the good work he has espoused. He is as one of the many whose services cannot be dispensed with.

Mr. and Mrs. William Harner and daughter, of Mont Clare, visited Charles Harner, Sunday.

The water in the Schuylkill has fallen somewhat.

We hear the smaller shareholders in the brick works here have been offered twenty-five cents on the dollar. Fifty cents or nothing, is the answer.

Entered Pleas of Guilty and Received Sentence.

At a special session of Court at Norristown, Monday, twenty pleas of guilty were entered and the offenders sentenced. The list of those sentenced includes the following names:

Edward Collier and Frank Healy, trespassing in Royersford P. and R. station, 30 days and 3 months, respectively.

Charles Godfrey, larceny of harness at Abington, 1 year and 6 months in the Penitentiary.

Percy Creighton and H. I. Henderson, larceny, in Whitpain, while drunk on hard cider, 6 months for the former and 30 days for the latter.

George Somers and Edward Kulp, felonious entry and receiving stolen goods, 18 months and 1 year in the Penitentiary, respectively.

David Diller, near Bridgeport, larceny of \$7 from huckster, sent to Huntingdon Reformatory.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets.

PHILADELPHIA—FLOUR weak; winter extras, new, \$4 @ 4.15; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$4.25 @ 4.40; city mills fancy, \$5.75 @ 6.00. RYE FLOUR quiet, per barrel, \$4.60 @ 4.65. WHEAT steady, No. 2 Pennsylvania red, 94 @ 94 1/2c. CORN firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 60 @ 62c. OATS quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 57 @ 57 1/2c; lower grades, 56c. HAY steady; timothy, large bales, \$19 @ 19.50. PORK steady; family, per barrel, \$19.50. BEEF steady; beef hams, per barrel, \$26 @ 27. POULTRY: Live steady; hens, 13 @ 14c; old roosters, 9 1/2c. Dressed firm; choice fowls, 14c; old roosters, 10c. BUTTER firm; extra creamery, 36c. EGGS steady; selected, 25 @ 26c; nearby, 25c; west, 24 @ 25c. POTATOES steady; per barrel, 80 @ 83c. Sweet Potatoes firm; per basket, 90c @ \$1.

BALTIMORE—WHEAT firmer; No. 2 spot, 95 1/2 @ 95 3/4c; steamer No. 2 spot, 94 1/2 @ 95c. CORN firm; mixed spot, 60 1/2 @ 61c; steamer mixed, 56 1/2 @ 57c; southern, 57 @ 61c. OATS firm; white, No. 2, 57 @ 57 1/2c; No. 3, 56 @ 57c; No. 4, 52 @ 55c; mixed, No. 2, 54 @ 54 1/2c; No. 3, 52 @ 53 1/2c; No. 4, 48 @ 50c. HOPS, extras, 35 @ 36c; held, 23 @ 24c; prints, 36 @ 37c; Maryland and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 18 @ 20c. EGGS lower; fancy Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, 20c; West Virginia, 19c; southern, 17 @ 18c.

Live Stock Markets.

PITTSBURG (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE higher; choice, \$5.50 @ 5.70; prime, \$5.30 @ 5.50. SHEEP steady; lambs higher; prime wethers, \$5.75 @ 6c; culls and common, \$2 @ 3.50; lambs, \$5 @ 7.50; veal calves, \$8 @ 8.50. HOGS active and higher; prime heavies, \$4.65; mediums, heavy and light Yorkers, \$4.75 @ 4.80; pigs, \$4.50; roughs, \$3.50 @ 4.10.

CHARTER NOTICE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery county, Pa. No. 16, March T. 1908. Misc. Docket A, page 208.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to said Court on Monday, April 20, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the Charter of an intended Corporation, to be called "The Oaks Fire Company," the character and object whereof is to support a fire engine, hook and ladder and hose company, to control and extinguish fires in the vicinity of Oaks, Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pa., and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

Said application is now on file in the Prothonotary's office. FRANCIS M. GUMBES, Solicitor.

LOST! On the evening of February 10, between Providence Square and Collegeville, a brown plaid horse blanket. Finder will please return blanket to the undersigned and receive reward. CHAS. C. HUGHES, Collegeville, Pa. 2-20.

FOR RENT. A house near borough of Trappe. Apply to WINFIELD HARLEY, Trappe, Pa. 2-20.

EGGS FOR HATCHING. Rhode Island Red Chicken Eggs for hatching. 75 cents for setting of 15. Apply to J. HERBERT FRANCIS, Oaks, Pa. 2-20.

WANTED. To rent, a small place with house and stable, in or near Collegeville. Address B. BOX 554, Norristown, Pa. 2-13-3t.

FOR SALE. One express sleigh and one runabout sleigh, for sale cheap. Apply to JACOB L. MILLER, Trappe, Pa. 2-20.

FOR SALE. Two driving horses and one work horse. Apply to S. GROSS FRY'S LIVERY, Railroad House, Collegeville, Pa. 2-20.

NURSING. After February 1, 1908, I will accept engagements to do nursing and wait upon the sick. MRS. LIZZIE A. REED, Trappe, Pa. 1-16-3t.

ESTATE NOTICE. Estate of Ida Pahre, deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same, without delay, to FREDERICK C. PAHRE, Collegeville, Pa. Or to his attorney, Thos. Hallman. 2-6.

ESTATE NOTICE. Estate of Samuel C. Lachman, late of the borough of Collegeville, Montgomery county, Pa., deceased. Letters of administration upon said estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them, without delay, to EMILY D. LACHMAN, Administratrix, Collegeville, Pa. 1-23.

POLITICAL.

FOR RECORDER OF DEEDS, Henry T. Hunsicker, IRONBRIDGE, PA., PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP. Subject to the rules of the Republican party.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER A. F. SAYLOR, LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP. Subject to rules of Republican party. Primary election, Saturday, April 11, 1908.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER James W. VanBillard, OF NORTH WALES; subject to the rules of the Democratic party. Platform: Progress and Economy. The support of Democratic voters at the April primary election respectfully solicited.

FOR ASSEMBLY, Third District, Clinton R. Addison, LANSDALE, PA. Subject to rules of Republican party. Primary Election, April 11, 1908. 1-30.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER James Krewson, OF CHELTENHAM. Subject to the Republican Rules. Primaries, Saturday, April 11, 1908.

THE GREAT TRANSFER SALE.

The entire stock of R. M. Root is in the hands of Toor & Co. and must be sold within Ten Days. High-Grade Clothing, Women's Furs, Men's Furnishings, Suit Cases, etc., were never so ruthlessly sacrificed. Attend this Great Sale and make your Dollar do Double Work.

Lot Men's Suits, half price. Women's Furs, half price. 75c. Woolback Underwear, 35c. \$1.00 Men's Pants, 79c. Overcoats about half price. 75c. and \$1 Soft Hats, 49c. Everything in the stock from a collar button to the finest fur is reduced. Come to-day. Everybody knows the high character of Mr. Root's stock. Look for the large sign—Transfer Sale. 221 HIGH STREET, POTTS TOWN.

GEO. A. WENRICK, DEALER IN Stoves, Ranges, Hot Air Furnaces, COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

Tin Roofing and Spouting Done with Best Quality Material.

Roofs Repaired and Repainted. Stove Castings and Fire Bricks Supplied. Jobbing promptly attended to. 4-4.

PUBLIC SALE OF Personal Property!

Will be sold at public sale on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1908, on the premises of the subscriber in Perkiomen township, one mile west of Gratersford, the following personal property: Bay horse, 12 years old, fearless of steam, autos, and trolley cars, and safe for any woman to drive. 8 cows, including some fat, the remainder springers; fat bull, 12 shoats, 4 brood sows, seed hog, Farm wagon, 4-inch tread, nearly new; market wagon for 1 or 2 horses; express wagon, box side with bed in good order; milk sled, post boring machine, with fly wheel; large wagon scale, in good order; corn sheller, lot of good seed corn, springtooth harrow, 2 Advance chilled plows, No. 34; one-horse cultivator, Quaker mower, set by hand, 16 ft. long, as good as new; 2 low-down wagons for hauling silo corn, 4 sets new single and double trees, barrel of vinegar, empty vinegar barrels, timber, cow and other chains, 3 new nails, 3 sets lead lines, 2 sets light harness, double and single lines, rope and tackles, bay rope and hook, broad axe and other axes, manure hooks, 5.80-qt. milk cans, white pine silo, 12x30 feet, Schlicher's make; 100 bushels seed corn, 20 bushels of clover seed, 8 work shoes and picks, and other articles not here enumerated. Also lot of household goods, including stove, carpets, chairs, ice cream freezer, &c. Sale at 1 o'clock, sharp. Conditions: A credit of 60 days on sum of \$10 and exceeding that amount; under \$10, cash.

A. HEYSER DETWILER, F. H. Peterman, auct. M. B. Linderman, clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF Personal Property!

Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1908, at the residence of the subscriber on the B. W. Whitby farm in Lower Providence, near Eagleville, the following personal property: Three Good Horses, No. 1. bay horse, 12 yrs. old; No. 2. bay mare, 7 years old; No. 3. bay horse, 8 years old. 11 good dairy cows, F. H. bull, Jarrettown hay wagon, 3-inch tread, with seat and three locks complete; farm wagon, 4-inch tread; farm wagon, 3-spring market wagon, cart, 3-in. tread; New American manure spreader, Quaker binder, nearly new; Plano moving machine, hay tedder, Buckeye grain drill, Heebner level tread horse power, Heebner threshing and cleaner, 2 Syracuse plows, No. 2 Hensch sulky cultivator, American sulky cultivator, 2 springtooth harrows, 6 iron Age cultivators, Diamond tooth cultivator, 2 corn shellers, set stone plank, set new hay ladders, 16 feet long, 2 harpoon hay forks with rope and tackle; grain fan, nearly new; Heebner Union fodder cutter and shredder, nearly new; potato planter, Keystone corn planter, swather and gleaner, lot of single and double trees, 5 sets double harness, 3 sets carriage harness, set cart harness, 3 sets double lines, 2 sets headstallers, collars, break chains, cow log, and other chains, brakes, forks, shovels, post spade, grubbing hoed, lot of rope and pulleys, scythes and sheathes, 3 hand saws, 3 axes, wood saw, 6 tons of mixed and meadow hay, 5 tons straw, about 300 bundles of cornfodder, lot of chaff, lot of saw dust, 50 new posts. Also one flour chest, New Fashion cook stove, No. 7; parlor stove, large new Penn Diamond double heater, No. 16; cheese press, large dinner bell, lot of cream cans, and many other articles that will be hunted up by day of sale. Sale to commence at 12.30 p. m., sharp. Conditions will be made known on day of sale by D. L. Kratz, auct. John S. Smith, clerk. B. F. Whitby, receiving clerk.

WILLIAM RITTENHOUSE, Auctioneer and Agent.

CLOSING-OUT SALE OF Valuable Farm Stock.

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1908, on the farm of Nathan D. Johnson in Worcester township, at Green Hill, valuable personal property in part as follows: Three horses, good workers and drivers; 10 cows, some will be fresh by day of sale, balance are milkers and fat cows; 17 fat hogs and shoats, weighing from 50 to 150 pounds; one sow with 7 pigs, 5 weeks old by day of sale; Berkshire seed hog, about 150 chickens, old and young; 6 ducks, new; Otto gasoline engine, new; 16-in. Ellis ensilage cutter with 40-ft. carrier, nearly new; No. 2 New Holland chopping mill, nearly new; threshing and cleaner, Walter A. Wood reaper and binder, Hench grain drill, hay tedder, spring tooth harrow, 2 corn cultivators, Ward plow, roller, Moline potato plow, corn planter, crosscut saw, 2 hay hooks, pulleys, 2 ropes, 117 and 126 ft. long; hay bed wagon, 4 in. tread; manure wagon, sled, complete, with lock, express leigh, fallingtop wagon, express wagon, assortment of good harness, 8 tons timothy and 10 tons mixed hay, 1000 sheaves cornfodder, 500 bus. corn, Sharpless separator, churn, butter worker, potato masher, the busiel, New Model kitchen range, and many other articles. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock, noon, sharp. Conditions at sale. D. N. JOHNSON, L. H. Ingram, auct. John H. Casselberry, clerk.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

NO. 7, MARCH TERM, 1908.

NOTICE.—On the 6th day of January, A. D. 1908, was presented a petition of Alexander E. Plank, Executor of the Estate of Mary A. Plank, deceased, late of the borough of Trappe in the county of Montgomery, setting forth that at the time of the death of the said Mary A. Plank, the said Mary A. Plank was seized of a messuage and lands of land in Upper Providence Township containing together about fifty-four acres one hundred fifteen perches, fully described in Deed Book No. 457, page 231.

That said premises are a part of a tract of 147 acres 14 perches formerly owned by Benjamin Rees, who on April 3, 1811, executed and delivered to Nathaniel Miles and Charles Still, Trustees of Vincent Baptist Church a mortgage upon said premises for the sum of three hundred and thirty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence, which mortgage is recorded in Mortgage Book No. 10, page 347, and that on April 3, 1833, said mortgage was satisfied by Charles Still, individually and not as Trustee of said Church, and that the said Nathaniel Miles, Trustee, did not join in said satisfaction, wherefore said satisfaction is insufficient.

That more than twenty-one years have elapsed since the principal of said mortgage became due and payable and no payment has been made within said period of twenty-one years on account of said mortgage.

Notice, therefore, in accordance with the decree of said Court is hereby given to Nathaniel Miles and Charles Still, Trustees of Vincent Baptist Church, their successors and assigns, to the Vincent Baptist Church and all persons interested in said mortgage to appear in said Court on the 21st Monday of March, next, 1908, to show cause why full satisfaction should not be entered and decreed of record of said mortgage.

CHAUNCEY J. BUCKLEY, Sheriff. E. L. and Thos. Hallman, attorneys. Sheriff's Office, Norristown, Pa., January 21, 1908.

FOR SALE. A good refrigerator for sale for want of further use. Apply to CHARLES ESSIG, Collegeville, Pa. 1-16.

PUBLIC SALE OF FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1908, at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, 25 fresh cows from Centre county, where the big milk and butter producers are bred and reared. This is a lot of the kind, gentlemen. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by J. W. MITTERLING, L. H. Ingram, auct. J. W. S. Gross, clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1908, at the hotel, Limerick Square, one carload of extra fine fresh cows direct from Perry county. These cows have been very carefully selected and they will surely please all who are looking for choice cows. Sale at 1.30 o'clock. Conditions by F. H. BERNHISEL, F. H. Peterman, auct. Also one extra good stock bull.

PUBLIC SALE OF FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1908, at Dunn's Hotel, Gratersford, one full carload of fresh cows from the Cumberland Valley. Among this lot of choice cows are five extra fine Holsteins. Don't miss this opportunity. Farmers and dairymen. Sale at 1.30 o'clock. Conditions by JONAS P. FISHER, F. H. Peterman, auct.

MY THIRD COMBINATION SALE! Cows, Horses, Chickens, FARMING IMPLEMENTS, &c.

My third combination public sale will be held at Theo. Schreiber's Hotel, Jeffersonville, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1908, when cows, horses, chickens, shoats, farming implements, household goods, as follows: 10 cows will be sold; 8 work horses and driving horses, from 5 to 8 years old; 15 fresh cows and springers, 100 head of chickens, and 25 shoats. Farming Implements: 2-horse plow, 2-horse cultivator, springtooth harrow, 2 hoe harrows, horse power in good order, 3 sets of single trees, hay hooks, forks, shovels, hoed, lot of cow chains, set dearborn harness, 3 sets stage harness, nearly new; 5 sets of second-hand light harness; 25 new wagons, consisting of runabouts and fallingtops, steel and rubber tires; 25 sets of new light and heavy harness. This will be a spring opening sale of new wagons and harness and a lot of other articles not mentioned here. Household Goods: 3 bedsteads, washstands, chairs, rockers, sewing machines, 2 good stoves, dishes, looking glasses, 2 good churns, and a lot of other articles not mentioned. Any body having goods to sell will bring them before 12 o'clock on day of sale; the goods will be put up and sold for the high dollar. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock. Conditions of sale, cash.

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PUBLIC SALE.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1908, on farm situated near Skiyack creek, half a mile northeast from trolley line, known as Oliver Kugler farm, lately Frank Riggs: 3 horses, 8 cows, new hay wagon, springs and seat, 3-inch tread; market and express wagons; mowers, reapers, binders, plows, roller, hay tedder, feed cutter, corn sheller, 5 tons hay, lot harness, and other farm implements. See posters. Terms, cash. Sale at 1 o'clock. For Mary A. Richardson

FIRE TAX NOTICE.

The members of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery county, are hereby notified that a tax was levied on January 23, 1908, of \$1.50 on each one thousand dollars for which they are insured, to pay losses sustained. Payments will be made to the collector or to the Secretary at his office in Collegeville.

Extract from Charter: And if any member of the Company shall refuse or neglect to pay his or her assessment within 40 days after the publication of the same, 50 per cent. of the assessment will be added thereto, and if payment be delayed for 50 days longer, then his, her, or their policy shall have become suspended until payment shall have been made.

The 40 days' time for the payment of said tax will date from January 23, 1908. A. D. FETTEROLF, Secretary.

FOR SALE.

5 acre farm, \$1000; 55 acres along Pike and trolley, \$5000; 30 acres, \$2100; 2 acres, first-class residence, easy terms, \$3000; 9 acres, \$1500; 40 acres, \$4500; 91 acres, 2 houses, large barn, \$3200; 80 acres, \$5600;

TARPON TACTICS.

Wonderful Feats, Flights and Leaps of the Silver King.

In the big pass tarpon can best be caught from near the bottom of the channel and should be fished for with fifty feet of line and a heavy sinker.

In shallow water the tarpon leaps high in air the instant he feels the hook, but in the pass he often fights for a minute or two before coming to the surface. More than once when I had come to fear that my tarpon was a shark he has suddenly shot above the surface like a bullet from a gun and in the first wild shake of his head thrown hook and bait fifty feet in the air, and one even sent a four ounce leaden sinker flying over my head from nearly twice that distance. Other tarpon when struck came straight up from the bottom, one grazing our gunwale as he rose and another leaping over the stern of the canoe. As soon as a tarpon was tired enough to let us pull the canoe beside him we removed the hook from his mouth and let him swim home to his family. It happened once that a tarpon was less tired than we had assumed. On that occasion we swam home, and he had a good man story to tell his friends.

It had been counted a poor year for tarpon, yet in fifteen consecutive days of fishing we were fast to forty-four tarpon, each of which had jumped for us from one to twelve times. This high water mark of twelve jumps was made by a tarpon which was stimulated to his later efforts by the presence of a pursuing shark, and the twelfth jump was a double number. There was commotion in the crimsoned water, new vigor at the other end of my line, and it was an hour later when I finally landed on a sand bar a shark with an aldermanic stomach. A knife drawn across this distended organ disclosed the tarpon in sections, with the hook still fast in his jaw, and enabled the camera man to photograph together the subjects he had recently photographed separately. Although this shark was only one-fifth the size of our big hammerhead, yet he made but two bites of his victim.

Our work at Boca Grande ended with the red letter day of the season of all seasons. I was fishing in the pass with fifty feet of line and the bait was directly under the canoe when a tarpon struck fiercely, quickly carried away a hundred more feet of line and then swam so swiftly toward us that I feared from the loosened line that he had escaped. Then, fifty feet from the canoe, there shot into the air a giant tarpon, measuring, as we learned afterward, an even seven feet. Up, up, up, he rose until the camera seemed to be pointed at the zenith, and before the rattled camera man could get his aim the silver king had turned gracefully in the air and was plunging downward. The captain swears that he saw, swinging clear of the water, the ribbon which marked twenty-five feet on the line as it hung plumb down from the tarpon.

Once I gave my own estimate of the height of the jump to a group of friends and after a glance at their grievous expressions appealed to the one of most experience on the coast and with the tarpon. After a single moment of hesitation he remarked firmly: "We fishermen must stand together. I believe the story."—A. W. Dimock in Appleton's.

When "Drammers" Come Easy. At the Players' club in New York one evening there was a guest from out of town, a playwright well known for his extraordinary facility in turning out the alleged "drammers" that do the "ten-twenty-thirty" circuits. It is no uncommon thing for this producer to grind out five or six of his plays annually.

Some one innocently asked the playwright if it was rather difficult to find new ideas for his plays.

"Really I don't know," was the frank answer of the man who has made thousands of dollars from his "drammers." "I have never tried it."—New York Tribune.

Wooden Almanacs. An antiquary in Chicago took a curiously engraved block of wood from a case.

"Here is an original almanac, a Saxon one," he said. "The engraved figures on it all concern the moon. They forecast the new moons and full moons and lunar changes for the year; hence, being devoted to lunar matters, the Saxon block was called an 'al-moon-heed,' or 'observation of all the moons.'"

"From al-moon-heed our word almanac comes."

Usual Result. "Well," asked the motorman, "did you manage to collect your little bill from that conductor?"

"No," answered the disgusted passenger. "I got tired trying to collect it at his house, and the other day I caught him on his car."

"What did he do?"

"The same thing as usual—put me off."

Real Genius. "That artist is a real genius," remarked the admirer.

"No," answered Miss Cayenne; "he can't be a real genius, or people wouldn't be saying so many complimentary things about him before he is dead."—Washington Star.

Superstitious Golfers. The two chief golfing superstitions are that two up and five to play never won a match and that it is unlucky to win the first hole. It is hard to say which is the sillier of the two.—London Mail.

One lie must be thatched with another or it will soon rain through.—Owen.

Leonie's Favor

By INA
WRIGHT HANSON.

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Against a great rock we sat, Leonie and I, and Leonie was reading aloud. Yesterday we had sat there, and the day before and many days before that, reading or talking or looking silently at the sea foam piling up against other rocks out in the blue distance, and every day I had loved Leonie more.

On this day I had thought to tell her so, but now that the day had come my words were held. Before me stood duty, grim visaged and cruel eyed. Beside me sat Leonie, slim, radiant, entrancing.

"Fair lord, whose name I know not—no, it is I; I well believe the noblest—will you wear my favor at this journey?" "Nay," said he.

"Fair lady, since I never yet have worn your favor of any lady in the lists."

Leonie looked up at me, her brown eyes full of the glory of the master poet.

"Shouldn't you like to have lived in those days?" she asked. "Think of re-



"I should stay at home and pray and wait."

ceiving your lady's favor and kissing her hand and riding away and riding home again! Ah, but my part—waiting at home while my knight was in danger! That I shouldn't like."

"Maybe when he was about to ride away you would have called him back," I ventured. "Maybe you would have said: 'I need you to take care of me. Let others do the fighting.' Would you, Leonie?"

"One can never tell what one will do till the time comes," she answered, and would have turned to her book again, but my hand stayed her.

"Let me tell you a story, Leonie. Once there was an orphan boy who was adopted by a man and brought up as his own son. The boy had been left money, but the man gave to him other things—love and sympathy, encouragement and trust. When the boy had grown to a man the foster father sent him out into the world to accomplish his heart's desire. Did I say that the boy's ambition was to write?"

"I understand, Arthur," she smiled. "When the boy was going away he tried to tell the man what he felt of gratitude to him, but the man laid his kind old hand on the boy's shoulder and said, 'Never mind that now, but some time when I make a request of you you will grant it.' And of course the boy thought then, and said so, that any request would be small in comparison with what the man had done for him."

"In a few years the young man had become reasonably successful. In the many times he saw his foster father the request was not mentioned, but the boy had not forgotten. Then one day he met you, and you know what that meant to him. You must know, Leonie."

"I think I understand, Arthur," she whispered, coloring.

"Last night the letter came. My foster father has made known his request."

"It was difficult to go on, looking into Leonie's eyes, so full of trust and happiness, and—yes, I could see—so full of love. "The request is a year out of my life to be spent with him—a year free of all entanglements, as he expresses it, in the matter of love affairs. It means neither to see nor hear from the woman I love. It means that if I grant the favor I may not even tell the woman I love her and ask her to wait till the year is done. Why couldn't he have asked any other thing under the sun? It must be a mere whim." I finished hotly.

Leonie was silent for a time. Her eyes turned away from me, gazing out on the feathery spray in the blue distance.

"We may all be dead in a year," I exclaimed wrathfully.

Then Leonie sighed and turned her face to me and laid her slim hand on my sleeve.

"The future is not ours," she answered gravely. "Only today. It may be a whim, but I think he has a reason, and you promised to grant his request when he should ask it. I know now what I should do if these were the days of knight-hood."

"What, Leonie? I asked sadly, for now I knew that I must go.

"I should give my knight his favor

and send him away, and I should stay at home and pray and wait."

"Oh, Leonie!" I whispered. "Leonie!" She took from the lace at her white throat a tiny blue and gold swastika and pinned it on my coat.

"This is instead of the 'red sleeve brodered with pearls,' she smiled though her eyes were wet. "And you shall wear it on your coat instead of your helmet. Do you know what it signifies, brave knight?"

"It brings good luck and is a talisman to ward off the evil eye," I answered, smiling, too, for had she not called me brave?

"That and more. The colors are loyalty and royalty. The up and down points are heaven and earth, the right and left behind you and before you—time and eternity. The symbol means that you are not free from personal responsibility while you wear it. I means noblesse oblige, dear knight. Ride forth to your promise; be brave and strong, and victory will be yours."

So I kissed my lady's favor and then her hand and rode away.

Aside from my desire for Leonie or news concerning her, my year with my foster father was a pleasant one. His library was full of books, his mind a storehouse of ideas concerning travel history and romance. He gave me my mornings for writing, and I wrote much, glad that out in the world Leonie was reading and waiting.

The request he had asked might have been a whim, but he gave, leaving Leonie out of the question, much more than he could have received. The year was nearing its close when he spoke to me of my future.

"You have no idea of what these months have been to me, Arthur," he said as we were walking one evening by the lake in his meadow.

"And they have been much to me, sir," I answered truthfully.

"What would it mean to you to have them last?" he asked, hitting some goldenrod sprays with his cane, his eyes on the yellow blossoms.

"It couldn't be quite like this, sir," I answered slowly, and then I told him about Leonie and the swastika.

"It wasn't a whim, boy, that has kept you here," he replied, with a smile on his fine old face. "You had begun writing to me of this Leonie, and it happened that I had seen the girl, though she had not known my name. I wanted to test her, boy. You have a future before you which must not be spoiled by the wrong woman. Tomorrow go back to her and if she will come bring her to me. The old house needs you both."

I had thought to find my lady where I had left her, but she was standing under some poplar trees near her own gate. As I came in sight of her a vagrant breeze touched the trees, and a shower of yellow leaves fell around her like golden butterflies. I urged my horse forward and sprang from my saddle.

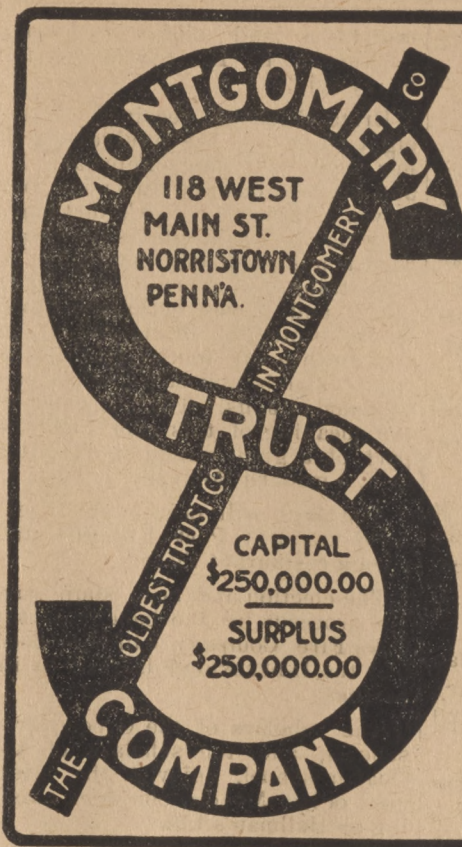
I had thought to greet her in words of the master poet, in language befitting her true knight come safely home, but all my stammering tongue could utter as her glad, welcoming face was raised to mine was: "Leonie! Oh, Leonie!"

A Historic Settlement.

The first purely American settlement west of the Mississippi river was Cape Girardeau, Mo. Its first settler, however, was Ensign Girardot, a French trader and for some time an officer in the French army, who located on the rocky mountain promontory just north of the present town. From Girardot the county was named. The first permanent settler at Cape Girardeau was Louis Lorimer, a French-Canadian, who in 1782 came from the Miami valley, west of the Mississippi. His wife was a half breed Shawnee woman, and through her great influence with the Shawnees he was given a large grant of land in 1795 by the governor of the territory. Shortly thereafter the Spanish government, deeming it wise to populate upper Louisiana, offered free lands exempted from taxation to settlers. Because these settlers came from Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina almost entirely Cape Girardeau claimed the honor of being the first American settlement. Previous settlements had been largely Spanish or French. Lorimer was counted as the father of the town, which dates in organization from 1806. He died in 1812, having survived his Indian wife four years. He was buried by her side in Cape Girardeau on a tree crowned hill overlooking the western Mississippi.—Kansas City Star.

A Decoration From Victoria.

The queen, with one of the princesses and a lady in waiting, received me in a small room. She stood with her back to the window, wearing a long white veil which against the light made an aureole around her. Addressing a few kind words to me, to which in my embarrassment I made some inaudible answer, she proceeded to pin the order (the Order of the Crown of India) on my left shoulder. I remember that my black velvet dress was thickly embroidered with jet, so much so that the pin could find no hold, and unwittingly the queen stuck it straight into me. Although, like the Spartan boy, I tried to hide what I felt, I suppose I gave a start, and the queen, realizing what she had done, was much concerned. Eventually the pin was put right, and I courted myself out of the royal presence. As I reached the door her majesty suddenly stepped forward, saying, with a smile, "Oh, you have forgotten the case," holding it out to me at the same time. This little touch of nature relieved an otherwise somewhat formal ceremony. Remarking afterward to the lady in waiting that I was afraid I had been awkward and nervous, "You need not be troubled," she answered; "I know the queen felt more shy than you."—Lady Randolph Churchill in Century.



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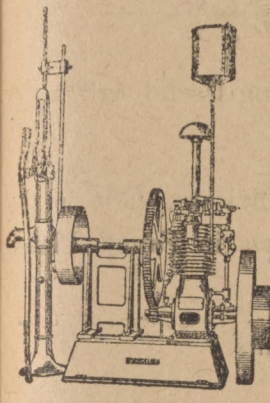
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Assisting the Miracle.

By JOHN HARTY.
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Jessie thrilled at the sight of the tall, grave man slowly descending the steps to the boat landing. He was a governor, the governor of her own state, and in his hands he held the power of life and death—the life or death of the man she had promised to marry and who now lay in prison awaiting execution for the murder of a friend.

He smiled brightly upon her as he came upon the boat. "I see that it is not worms alone the early bird acquires," he said as he raised his hat. "Apparently boats as well come under that classification."

"Won't you come with me?" she invited. "I am going out alone and shall be only too glad to have you come along."

The governor's face beamed with delight. "I was afraid that I was to lose my sport," he said as he stepped into the skiff. "I have only a week, and—well, you are a fisherman yourself, it seems."

His eyes fell upon the tackle neatly arranged in the stern, and Jessie nodded her verification. Fishing had done much to help her over the days that had gone by since sentence was passed on Tim Darlington. She swept her tackle to one side, and the governor took his seat after she had declined to let him row.

"It seems that I ought to know you," he said uncertainly as her strong, even strokes carried them rapidly through the water. "Have I not seen you somewhere?"

"At the executive mansion," she answered, coloring. "I came to plead for Tim Darlington."

"Ah, yes," he answered; "I knew that I had seen you before. I seldom forget a face, though sometimes I cannot exactly place it. It was a very unfortunate case. I truly regretted that I



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could not bring back the roses to your face by freeing your fiancée, the evidence was so strongly against him."

"Purely circumstantial," contented Jessie bravely. "Tim and Jack Sutton were out in a boat, and Jack went overboard. Tim could not save him because he could not swim. The Suttons declared that it was murder and pressed the case."

"But they proved motive," reminded the governor. "It seems that young Sutton had been the dishonest means of losing some of Darlington's savings in a deal."

"But that was all patched up," cried Jessie. "Jack was to have paid back the money in installments. He confessed to Tim that he had spent it instead of investing it, but they had made friends again."

The governor shook his head. He had stern ideas on the abuse of the pardoning power. To him the case seemed clear.

"I am sorry," he said gently, "but let us not discuss the matter. I am firmly convinced that with a flat bottomed boat the man could not have fallen overboard. That is the weak point in the defense—the statement that the man fell out of the boat while changing places. Why, I have changed places in a boat hundreds of times and never lost my balance!"

"I didn't mean to annoy you," cried Jessie penitently. "You are down here for a rest, not to be bothered with affairs of state."

"You do not annoy me," he assured. "I only wish I could be convinced that the defense was accurate. If you could argue a new point I would gladly listen."

"I can only tell you how it happened," said Jessie dolefully. "There is no new point. But here is the best place to fish," she added as she moved lightly to the bow and threw over the anchor. "I found this place last week. It's the best on the lake."

The governor hurriedly threw out his hook, and presently the two were busily engaged in hauling in fish. The sport was excellent, and the tired lines about the governor's mouth relaxed as he pulled in the finny beauties.

Jessie was having even better luck, and at last the governor straightened up, with a sigh of regret. "I am afraid we shall have to stop," he said, with a kindly smile, "unless we wish to depopulate the lake at one session. I am under deep obligation to you, Miss Grandin. It is the best morning's sport I have had since I came."

"I'm glad there were no more boats,"

said Jessie simply. "No one else appears to have found this hole."

The governor looked with admiration at the catch and then half rose to his feet.

"You must let me row back," he insisted. "You are tired with your fishing. Sit here in the stern."

Cautiously they exchanged places, and the governor went into the bow to raise the anchor. He had brought the hook inboard and rose to a crouching position to regain the rowing seat when his knees bent under him, and the next moment he was floundering in the water. Like a flash Jessie had caught up the oars and was rowing toward him. It was the work of a moment for him to climb aboard over the bow again.

"You had better row," suggested Jessie. "That will keep you from taking cold."

The governor took the oars, and the light boat shot over the water. For a time neither spoke; then the man looked up.

"Do you know," he said, with an odd expression on his face, "I feel as though this is a message. I have always believed it to be impossible for a man to fall overboard if he took care. I shall sign your fiancée's release as soon as I return."

In the stern Jessie was sobbing out her thanks, and it was not until they came in sight of the landing that she recovered her self possession. None of the other parties had seen the accident, and the governor, much to his relief, was able to slip into the hotel without attracting attention.

Nothing more was said regarding the matter, but Jessie's heart sang as she saw the governor take his departure and realized that one of his first official acts would be the signing of the pardon for Tim.

But it was two weeks before the machinery of the law at last released its grip on the person of Tim Darlington and he walked out of the death house to freedom. He had arranged to come straight to Jessie, and they were floating over the same fishing pool where the governor had taken his plunge.

"It seems like a miracle that the governor should have gone overboard just after you had brought my case freshly to his mind," said Tim as he drew in a fish.

"It wasn't exactly a miracle," confessed Jessie. "I remembered what he said about that being the only point. When I saw him standing there in the bow I rocked the boat just a tiny bit. It wasn't really wrong, was it?"

"Do you expect me to say 'Yes' to that?" demanded Tim, with a laugh as he bent to kiss the happy face. "I should call it assisting the miracle."

Too Observant.

Much is said in these days about the importance of training the young to habits of observation. It is well to keep one's eyes open, but as there are two sides to every shield, so there are times when it is not a man's first duty to see everything that is going on.

A farmer hired a man, the story goes, and put him into his field to work. After awhile the farmer came along and accosted the new hand:

"Did you see a carriage go down the road awhile ago?"

"Yes, I did. One of the horses was a gray horse, and the other was a roan and lame in his hock leg."

"I thought I heard some men shooting over there on the edge of the woods."

"Yes; one of them was Colonel Cotton; he was the tall one. The second one was Major Peters, and the third one was Tom McSniffer. Colonel Cotton had one of them newfangled breechloadin' guns what breaks in two."

"Did you see those wild pigeons fly over just now?"

"See 'em! Rather. There was nineteen of them. They lit in that old cornfield down yonder."

"Well, you see too much for a man that is hired by the day. Here's your wages. When I want a man to keep watch of what is going on I'll send for you."—Pearson's Weekly.

How They Found Out.

When the Lawtons had lived in Willow Park about a month they were invited to a succession of little dinners at the houses of their new neighbors. Mr. Lawton was on a dyspeptic's diet, and Mrs. Lawton was endeavoring to reduce her weight. "I suppose we shall have to eat all sorts of things we don't wish or else seem rude," said Mrs. Lawton mournfully as they set out for the first dinner.

To their growing surprise, the bills of fare placed before them at each dinner, although not remarkably varied, were all composed of such dishes as they could both enjoy.

"I don't see how you all hit on just the right things when Mr. Lawton and I really are such difficult guests," said Mrs. Lawton in a burst of confidence one afternoon when the neighbors were taking tea with her.

The ladies looked at each other, and then one of them spoke.

"You know Mary Sloan, who comes to wash for you Tuesday mornings?" she said. "Well, I have her Mondays, and Mrs. Green has her Wednesdays, and she irons for Mrs. Porter Thursdays and scrubs for Miss Homer Fridays, so you see—"

Her voice trailed off into silence, but Mrs. Lawton no longer wondered. She "saw."

An Easy Way Out of Trouble.

"We simply can't go on as we have been going," he declared. "We are spending more than I'm making. You surely must be able to understand that such a state of affairs can't last long."

"Then, dear," she soothingly replied, "why don't you make more?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

ELECTION NIGHTS.

One of the Five Saturnalia of New York City.

New York has five saturnalia every year—New Year's night, Decoration day, Fourth of July, election night and Thanksgiving—and not the least of these is election night. If it is a right first Tuesday of November, the daytime wind will be veering from west to south and back, sun and cloud will equally share the hours between them and a not unnatural quiet, as of political passions hushed under the blanket of the Australian ballot, will prevail. The streets will be rather emptied than filled, and the litter of straw and scrap paper and the ordure and other filth of the great slattern town will blow agreeably about under your feet and into your eyes and teeth. But with the falling of the night there will be a rise of the urban spirits: the sidewalks will thicken with citizens of all ages and sexes and nations, and if you will then seek some large center for the cinematographic dissemination of the election news you will find yourself one of a multitude gloating on the scenes of comedy and tragedy thrown up on the canvas to stay your impatience for the returns. Along the curbstones are stationed wagons for the sale of the wind and string instruments whose raw, harsh discords of whistling and twanging will begin with the sight of the vote from the first precinct. Meantime policemen, nervously fondling their clubs in their hands, hang upon the fringes of the crowd, which is yet so good natured that it seems to have no impulse but to lift children on its shoulders and put pretty girls before it and to caress old women and cripples into favorable positions, so that they may see better. You will wish to leave it before the clubbing begins and either go home to the slumbers which the whistling and twanging will duly attend or join the diners going into or coming out of the restaurants or the throngs strolling down into the fairy realms of Broadway under the flare of the whiskies and the actresses.—W. D. Howells in Harper's Magazine.

ANY ONE CAN HYPNOTIZE.

But it Cannot Be Accomplished With a Mere Glance.

Of course, whoever wants to hypnotize—in fact, no one but a physician ought to do it—must learn the technique and apply it patiently and skillfully. And certainly there are individual differences. Not every one can be deeply hypnotized. With not a few the inhibition goes no further than the inability to open the eyes, while only one out of four enters into strong hypnotic hallucinations. Further, not every one is well prepared to awaken that confidence which is essential and that feeling of repose which guides one over to the dreamy state. The look, the voice, the gestures, the phrases, the behavior, of certain persons make them poor hypnotizers, however well they may understand the tricks. But in principle everybody can hypnotize and can be hypnotized, just as in principle everybody can love and can be loved, and no special mysterious power is needed to fall in love or to awaken love.

Yet, while thus every one can exert hypnotic influence, no one can do it by a mere glance. All the stories of a secret influence by which one man's will gets hold of another man's mind are remains of the meretric theories of the past. Today we know that everything depends upon the attention and imagination of the hypnotized and that no mysterious fluid can flow over from the mind of the hypnotist to the mind of the subject. The old mystical view of unscientific superstition reached its climax in the prevalent belief that a man could exert secret influence from a distance without the victim's knowledge of the source of the uncanny distortion of his mind. According to this belief, every heinous crime might be committed under that cover. The distant hypnotizer could inflict pain and suffering on his enemy and could misuse the innocent as instruments of his criminal schemes.—Professor Hugo Munsterberg in McClure's Magazine.

The Penalty of Prominence.

Dorothy's father is a militia colonel, and on a recent occasion she saw him, in brave array, at the head of his regiment.

"How do you like your father in his uniform?" the colonel asked his small daughter that night.

"You looked handsomer than anybody else," said Dorothy loyally. "and you held your head up so high! But I think they were mean not to let you have a drum to play on!"—Youth's Companion.

Witty and Caustic.

A woman suffrage lecturer, according to the Boston Globe, recently brought down the house with the following argument: "I have no vote, but my groom has. I have a great respect for that man in the stables, but I am sure if I were to go to him and say, 'John, will you exercise the franchise?' he would reply, 'Please, mum, which horse be that?'"

A Variation In Sport.

"What happened when you passed a law against gambling in your state?"

"The bookmakers got right to work making bets on whether it would be enforced or not."—Washington Star.

Sarcastic.

Art Master (pointing to a lean horse)—What do you call that? Cobby—An 'orse, sir. Art Master—A horse! Rub it out, and do it again.—London Answers.

If a man would learn to pray, let him go to sea.—French Proverb.

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Thursday, February 20, 1908.

EDITOR MEREDITH, of the Perkasie Central News, will please keep an eye on the commotion down in Bristol. Some politics in Bucks county just now, Charlie.

EDITOR BARDMAN, of the Schwenksville Item, is on a very fair way to complete conviction as to the existence of hell for consumers in the protective tariff system. Conversion will follow in due time.

THE New York Tribune speaks of Senator Knox as "admittedly one of the ablest lawyers in the United States and one of the most competent and enlightened men in public life to-day."

THOSE who shut their eyes, and plug their ears with prejudice in the presence of reason, deserve pity rather than condemnation. It is easy to condemn; no argument necessary.

FROM the New York Herald: Who said a hog was no good until dead? Read of one that frightened a runaway horse into a halt, saving lives of a farmer and his wife. Pass the scrap, please.

THE Foraker-Taft fight in Ohio does not presage the usual Republican majority in November. The friends of Mr. Taft have been fighting to drive Senator Foraker out of politics. The Senator's friends await an opportunity for revenge.

CONTRARY to earlier predictions, the outward rush of foreign laborers shows no diminution. The records of the principal steamship lines show that during the past month and a half the exodus of foreigners reached the number of 87,443, while the arrivals were only 22,839.

THE Norristown Times, by cartoon and otherwise, represents our friend C. Tyson Kratz, Esq. in the attitude of "advising Burgess Samuel Roberts to keep off the ticket, as Robert C. Miller will be nominated by a large majority." Mr. Roberts might easily have a less shrewd adviser than Mr. Kratz.

THE indictment of 72 members of a labor union has been followed by the indictment of 54 master plumbers and three plumbing supply firms for trying to prevent a manufacturer from selling goods to a local hardware firm. All this in New Orleans. The boycott is a dangerous weapon. Dealers, manufacturers and railroad corporations guilty of using the same weapon must likewise be restrained.

THE Schuylkill County Educational Association, in convention at Pottsville, adopted resolutions asking the State Educational Commission to codify the State school laws so that no one under 18 years of age will be eligible to receive a certificate to teach. The association also placed itself on record as favoring the election of seven school directors from boroughs and cities-at-large, instead of by wards, and asked that the length of school terms in months be taken into consideration in distributing the State appropriation.

THE most lamentable weakness of the Rooseveltian policy of war upon the iniquities of combinations of capital and trusts, is its almost absolute failure to encourage the application of the knife to the very tap root, the poisonous root that feeds the abominable system of paternal favoritism that fosters and protects the trusts in their ravages upon the masses of the people. This weakness on the part of the policy referred to is both astounding and dismaying, and the exhibition of it by a courageous President, who prior to his election to the Presidency was distinctively in favor of vigorous tariff revision, will do more toward the election of a Democratic President than all other exhibitions of Republican shortcomings combined.

OUR good friend, Editor Thomas of the Bristol Gazette, is up against columns of comment and criticism in a home cotemporary and a Sunday afternoon exhortation of a somewhat inquisitorial character. Steady, Joe. Wait until they've all had a full inning, then riddle and "flabbergast" 'em.

GUSTAV KUSTERMAN, member of Congress from Wisconsin, though a protectionist, says:

When the Steel Trust of our country, with an actual investment of \$360,000,000 and capitalized at \$1,600,000,000, earns a profit of \$180,000,000 in a single year, the time has arrived when that industry can stand on its own feet; no more protection is needed to help it along.

And what has our Congressman Mr. Wanger to say in relation to Mr. Kusterman's statement? Does Mr. Wanger dissent? How much longer will our experienced and useful member of Congress help to bolster up a system that reeks with iniquity and injustice? How much longer? Will the voters of this Congressional district remain forever in a state of blissful, inane lethargy and disinterestedness as to a question that affects the very vitality of our national life?

It is becoming more and more evident to thinking brains that the clear discernment of unmistakable truth, whatsoever its character, has depended and must always depend upon a very critical and unbiased analysis of evidence. In the court of reason—the very highest court known to man—much that passes in a popular sense as evidence must be ruled out as invalid; but the truth abides through all ages and all times. Therefore, the great importance of toleration among persons, one for the other, as to opinions or convictions based upon evidence which may be true, or may be false. With respect to toleration the Rev. Frederic A. Hinckley strikes no uncertain chord. He says: "When one person finds himself honestly differing from another in religion, should he not be tolerant toward that other? Should he not recognize a chance of being mistaken himself? Should he not refrain from assuming his own superiority and admit that it is a little better way of discovering truth when all honest men are willing to compare notes with each other, and to respect each other in their honest convictions, however different they may be? We are all members of one great family. Ought we not to treat each other as such?" Think, and keep on thinking. Toleration will help along.

ALL Pennsylvanians should feel proud of their United States Senator, Mr. Knox. In his admirable and statesmanlike address, delivered recently at Pittsburg, he clearly and cleverly demonstrated that the systematic improvement of the greater waterways of the country would vastly encourage the utilization of our vast natural resources for beneficent use. Mr. Knox is entirely right in insisting that the vast expenditure involved in making a 35-foot ship channel across the Isthmus of Panama as a highway for the commerce of all nations involves a needless waste of the nation's resources unless we shall make ourselves ready to share in its advantages by a concurrent improvement of our rivers and harbors. To tax the people of the United States three hundred to five hundred millions of dollars and to deny the improvement of seacoast harbors and rivers, would be, as Mr. Knox says, a policy of fatuity. As a fundamental national policy as to the country's waterways Senator Knox sets forth three propositions:

First—That we should discard further procrastinations and set about the systematic and comprehensive improvement of all ports and waterways that are or can be made tributary to the Canal, in order, if possible, to complete all of them with the completion of the Canal; and if that is not possible, to complete the largest proportion possible.

Second—That the maximum depth of the Canal should be fixed as the maximum depth of the channels of every seacoast harbor of commercial magnitude or capable of commercial magnitude.

Third—That all the rivers of the Mississippi basin should be improved to the largest standard of economic utility permitted by their physical and commercial character, and that the lake region should be given access through them to the Isthmian Canal and the Pacific by modern and adequate canals, joining Lake Michigan to the Upper Mississippi and Lake Erie to the Upper Ohio.

Senator Knox thus maps out a policy that will no doubt be largely adopted and practically applied within the next fifty years. It is a great policy in relation to great things; and Hon. Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker exercised great wisdom when he appointed Hon. Philander C. Knox to fill a vacant seat in the Senate of the United States.

CHARLES W. MORSE UNDER ARREST

New York Financier Charged With Grand Larceny.

HELD UNDER \$20,000 BAIL

New York, Feb. 17. — Charles W. Morse, financier and promoter of many large combinations, including the so-called Ice Trust, and a merger of nearly all of the coastwise steamship lines, who has returned from his brief trip to Europe, was arrested in his stateroom when the steamer Etruria reached quarantine in the lower bay, held in custody until the ship was docked and then was whisked away in an automobile to the home of Justice Victor Dowling, of the supreme court, where he gave bond in the sum of \$20,000 to answer to two indictments charging grand larceny and involving the sum of \$100,000. Mr. Morse was released and went immediately to his Fifth avenue home where he gave out a statement asserting his innocence and asking the public to suspend judgment until he has had the opportunity of facing his accusers in court.

Mr. Morse will appear before Justice Dowling in open court and plead not guilty to the indictments. He denied that his trip to Europe was a "flight." He said he had gone abroad to sell stock in a large interest and to secure a fortnight's rest. Both purposes were spoiled by the publication of reports that he was a fugitive from justice, he declared.

The charge against Mr. Morse grows out of a note given to him by former Chief Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, of the court of appeals. Judge O'Brien is said to have deposited three notes for \$100,000 each with Mr. Morse in payment for a block of 1000 shares of stock in the National Bank of North America. The notes were to be held three years and not discounted, according to Judge O'Brien, and at the end of the three year period he was to have the privilege of consummating or withdrawing from the bargain for the purchase of stock. It is charged that Mr. Morse discounted one of these notes at the Mercantile National bank, in which he formerly was a director, and that he represented to the bank that he was authorized to receive its check for the amount of the loan. It is further alleged that the check given to Mr. Morse was made payable to Judge O'Brien and was cashed by Mr. Morse at the National Bank of North America—Morse signing Judge O'Brien's name, "Per C. W. Morse." It is the theory of the indictment that the check never having passed into the hands of O'Brien or his authorized agents, its use by Mr. Morse constituted grand larceny from the Mercantile National bank, title never having passed from that institution.

ENTOMBED MINERS SAVED

One Man of Twenty-Eight Imprisoned Fell Down Chute and Was Killed. Shamokin, Pa., Feb. 19.—All but one of the twenty-eight men and boys who were entombed in the Mid-Valley colliery were rescued. Frank Orloskie, a miner of Mid-Valley, fell down a chute following the accident and was killed.

The men were entombed by a number of pillars of coal running, causing a gangway to close in. When the miners were imprisoned they gathered in a long, well-ventilated gallery, and made plans as to the best means of digging their way through the blockade. The men had picks and shovels and began work without delay. The imprisoned men heard the sharp raps on the steam pipe running through the drift, and felt certain of being rescued. When the rescuing party penetrated to where the entombed men were it was found that the entombed men had dug a big distance through the fall of coal. There were but few persons at the entrance to the drift when the rescued men reached the surface. The men quickly made their way to their homes, showing no effects of their experience.

Little Heroine Killed.

Cartersville, Ga., Feb. 18.—In an attempt to rescue her six-year-old companion, David Rogers, from in front of an approaching train, Lilly May Kline, twelve years old, was struck by the train and both were killed. The children were walking alongside the track, accompanied by the girl's father. Hearing a train approaching, the little boy started to cross the track, but stopped midway. The girl, realizing his danger, rushed to his assistance, only to be struck by the engine as she picked him up in her arms.

Will Abandon Plant.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 17.—It was announced that the Middletown works of the National Tube company will be permanently abandoned and the work which has been done there will hereafter be done at Pittsburg. The Middletown plant gave employment to 1200 men, at a monthly payroll of \$40,000, and has been the chief industry of the town.

Senator Latimer Operated On.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Following an operation for a twist of the bowels, Senator Asbury C. Latimer, of South Carolina, for five terms a member of the house of representatives and since 1903 a member of the senate, is lying in a critical condition at the Providence hospital here.

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SLAYER IS KNOWN

Brother of Lewis Clawson's Wife Is Under Suspicion.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 18.—The disappearance from this city of a brother-in-law of Lewis B. Clawson, the shirt manufacturer, who was murdered in his office Saturday afternoon, has convinced the police that the mystery will soon be dispelled from the case and that the slayer will be in custody in a short time.

Abraham Rosenthal, twenty-seven years old, is the man who has left town. He was with Clawson a moment before the shots which killed him were fired, and a description of a young man seen running from the building an instant later corresponds with that of Rosenthal.

A young man with a gray mixed overcoat and Derby hat was seen by several persons running from the street entrance a few seconds after the pistol reports. The revolver which had killed Clawson was found on his desk. His body was lying at the other side of the room. The only word uttered by the dying man in reply to a question of Dr. George W. Overholzer, who arrived just before he was taken to the hospital.

"Did you shoot yourself?" asked the physician. "No," replied Clawson.

Partly as a result of this scene, it is said, Miss Blanche Harrison, a pretty blonde, who lives at Wyomissing, a small town three miles west of Reading, and who was employed by Clawson, has not been at the factory for the past ten days.

MAY DIVORCE EVELYN

Harry Thaw's Mother Now Threatens Proceedings.

New York, Feb. 19.—The disclosure that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw had been the guest, unchaperoned, of E. R. Thomas at dinner in the Cafe Boulevard, led to an authoritative statement that the first step by the family of Harry Thaw in proceedings to annul their marriage would be taken within a very short time.

This statement from one in the confidence of Mrs. William Thaw, Harry Thaw's mother, was followed by another, from a person close to Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, to the effect that she would never again go to the Matteawan state asylum to visit her husband.

Daniel O'Reilly, Evelyn Thaw's personal counsel, stated that no action of any kind had yet been taken by Evelyn Thaw, nor had any legal action been begun against her as yet. By this the lawyer meant merely that no legal papers of any kind had as yet been served by his client of upon her.

All Mr. O'Reilly would say definitely was this: "It is possible that the publicity given to the fact that young Mrs. Thaw dined at the Cafe Boulevard with Mr. Thomas may bring about the first step in proceedings to annul the marriage between Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw and Harry Thaw."

ALLEGED FORGER ARRESTED

Cox Admits Forging \$30,000 Check and Impugns Dead Bank Official.

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—Lewis S. Cox, an insurance broker of this city, was arrested here on a warrant charging him with forging a check for \$30,000 on the Quakertown National bank, of Quakertown, Pa. Cox was taken after a struggle with officers in an office building in the center of the city, during which he attempted to shoot himself.

Cox, according to the police authorities, admitted the forgery charged against him, and declared it was with the knowledge of Dr. Joseph Thomas, president of the Quakertown National bank, who died suddenly about two weeks ago. Cox further made the declaration that Dr. Thomas cut his throat, but this statement is denied by members of the Thomas family and the family physician.

The warrant for the arrest of Cox was issued at the instance of Byron Thomas, son of the bank president, who recently discovered the forgery.

BURGULARS KILL OLD MAN

Well-to-Do Citizen of York, Pa., Found Dead in Bed.

York, Pa., Feb. 17.—David Heckert, eighty-five years old, a well-to-do retired citizen of York, was found dead in his bed with his skull crushed. He was murdered by burglars. The tragedy is shrouded in mystery, as there is no apparent motive for the murder of the man, unless it was in hope of getting money.

The robbers entered the house through a back window and the old man was dealt a murderous blow in the top part of the head with a hatchet.

In a small cupboard of the room, just near the bed, it was supposed that he kept his money concealed, together with many securities. The door of the cupboard was ajar, and it is thought that the murderer made a rich haul.

Van Schaack Will Go to Jail.

New York, Feb. 18.—Captain William H. Van Schaack, who commanded the steamboat General Slocum when it burned and 1000 lives were lost, will begin his sentence of ten years next Tuesday, it having been decided not to appeal to the United States supreme court. At a meeting of the officers and of the various committees of the National and American Associations of Masters, Mates and Pilots it was decided to petition President Roosevelt to pardon Captain Van Schaack immediately.

"Traitors' Mark" on Face.

New York, Feb. 18.—Charged with cutting a deep cross called the "traitor's mark" on George La Bresto's face because the latter refused to give blackmail money to the Black Hand, Carlo Pianinon was held for trial by Magistrate Rutta.

ELECTIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Cities and Towns Chose New Officers.

SOME OF THE RESULTS

Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—With the exception of five wards in which there were hot councilmanic fights, the municipal election in this city was a perfunctory affair and passed off without any untoward incidents. J. Howard Gendell, who was nominated by both the Republican and City Parties, was re-elected city solicitor by the usual large Republican majority. A feature of the ward contests was the campaign waged by Owen Wister, the novelist, who was a City Party candidate for select councilman from the Seventh ward. His opponent was Charles Seger, a powerful member of the regular Republican organization. The ward has always returned a large majority for the regular Republican candidates, and notwithstanding the energetic canvass made by the novelist, Seger was elected by a substantial majority.

Joseph Call, former member of the legislature and James Carey (Reps.) were elected magistrates and John O'Donnell, (Dem.) secured the majority place on the magisterial ticket by defeating Frederick Jenkinson, (City Party).

Lancaster Republican.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 19.—J. P. McCaskey, (Rep.) was re-elected mayor over Charles M. Howell, (Dem.) by a majority of 1607 votes. Republicans elected eight out of nine select councilmen, twenty-four out of twenty-seven common councilmen and twenty-four out of twenty-seven school directors.

York Goes Democratic.

York, Pa., Feb. 19.—Complete returns from the municipal election here indicate victory for the Democratic ticket; Jacob E. Weaver, mayor; John Strickler, city treasurer; John J. Jenkins, city controller and George B. Miller, city assessor. The city council remains Republican, but the Democrats have won select branch.

Reading Elects Republican Mayor.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 19.—Reading elected a Republican mayor in the person of William Rick. He has 1200 over Edward Yeager (Dem.). Obediah Dorward, for controller, was chosen by a smaller majority. Edward H. Philbert (Dem.) was elected city treasurer. Councils will remain Democratic.

Result in Lebanon.

Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 19.—George B. Marquart won the mayoralty contest in a three-cornered fight by about 200. The whole Republican ticket was elected, with the exception of Francis Gleim (Dem.) for city treasurer.

Allentown Elects Democrat.

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 19.—Ex-State Senator Harry G. Stiles (Dem.) was elected mayor of Allentown over former Mayor Fred E. Lewis (Rep.) by a majority of over 1000. A. L. Reichengbach, James Hausman and John W. Schoudt (Dems.) were re-elected city treasurer, city controller and city assessor respectively by similar majorities.

How Harrisburg Voted.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 19.—Representative E. S. Meals (Rep.) was elected mayor; O. M. Copelin (Dem.), city treasurer; Henry W. Gough (Rep.), city controller, and A. B. Tack, city assessor. The Republicans elected a majority of councilmen and school directors, which will give that party control of both branches of city councils and the school board.

Johnstown Republican.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 19.—Wilson (Rep.) carries the city for mayor over Tomb (Dem-Pro.) by 1500 majority. The result is due to the loss of the German-American and the liquor vote to Tomb, whom the Democrats charge with having blundered in accepting the prohibition nomination. Wehn (Rep.) city treasurer. Horrocks (Rep.) defeats Thomas (Dem.) for controller. Republicans elect the other officials.

Republicans Sweep Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 19.—The election here resulted in a clean sweep for the Republican ticket. After a warm battle for three weeks, Lewis P. Kniffen is elected mayor by a majority of about 1200. Daniel L. Hart, who was the nominee of all the parties, had no opposition, and succeeds himself as city treasurer. Frederick Goeringer is elected controller and J. W. Driesbach city assessor by majorities of about 800.

At Williamsport.

Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 19.—Charles D. Wolfe (Rep.) was elected mayor by a plurality of 900 over James Mansel (City Party). The Republican candidates for city treasurer and controller are also elected.

Altoona Elects Democratic Mayor. Altoona, Pa., Feb. 19.—Altoona has elected a Democratic mayor and city treasurer, the Republicans getting the city controller and school directors. For mayor, S. M. Hoyer (Dem.), beats G. W. Kuebler by over 300 majority.

PENNYPACKER ON WITNESS STAND

Admits He Didn't Know of Illegal Payments to Capitol Trimmers.

HE, TOO, RELIED ON HUSTON

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 19.—Former Governor Pennypacker was a most important witness at the state capitol conspiracy trial in the Dauphin county court. Mr. Pennypacker was president of the board of grounds and buildings during the construction and equipment of the capitol.

His colleagues on the board were former Auditor-General Snyder and former State Treasurer Mathues.

Its executive officer was former Superintendent Shumaker. The former governor was called as a witness for these three former state officers.

Mr. Pennypacker told of the selection of Joseph M. Huston, by the board to prepare the plans and specifications for the capitol furnishings and of the award of the contract to Sanderson. He said extraordinary precautions had been taken to safeguard the commonwealth in the payment of the bills by requiring the architect and the superintendent of grounds and buildings to certify to them and the contractor to make oath to their correctness. He was asked if Huston was required, under his contract with the board, to supervise the manufacture of the furnishings and whether it was his duty to weigh and measure the furnishings.

Counsel for the commonwealth objected on the ground that the contract spoke for itself and that the former governor's testimony was not evidence.

The objection was sustained by Judge Kunkle and the defense took an exception. Mr. Pennypacker was not examined on the statement of Sanford B. Lewis assistant to Huston, that the famous Huston letter to former Attorney General Carson was prepared at a conference between Pennypacker, Snyder and Lewis and that it was made to dove-tail into other letters written by persons connected with the capitol contracts.

Mr. Pennypacker admitted under cross examination that he did not know that \$1,069,000 had been paid by Snyder and Mathues to Sanderson without the approval of the board or that on Jan. 10, 1905, the date of the adoption of the resolution by the board requiring the architect's certificate on the bills that \$2,000,000 had been paid to Sanderson in excess of Huston's estimate on the cost of the furnishings.

He was asked if he understood from the "quantities" plans and the "quantities" books that a sofa for which Sanderson charged the state \$358 could have been billed for \$1100. But counsel for the defense objected and Mr. Scarlet withdrew the question.

Asked how long he relied upon the certificate of the architect, Mr. Pennypacker replied that he might "say to the present time."

The commonwealth showed in the cross-examination of James H. Stevenson, Sanderson's bookkeeper, that bills for furniture for the senate and house, amounting to over \$600,000, were made out as so many feet in bulk and paid in the course of Sanderson's business and that several months afterward Stevenson, when ordered by Sanderson to make out detailed bills, simply took the lump sum of feet and "apportioned" it among the articles, gleaming some information from blue prints and receiving the remainder from Sanderson. Stevenson had some left and he added that to the rostrums of the senate and house caucus room. Evidence was introduced by the defense to show that in spite of the "approximation" system of billing the Sanderson furnishings the state was the gainer to the extent of \$348,227.15 on Sanderson's bills for furniture and that Sanderson could have collected \$1,224,293.55 instead of \$876,066.40 for the furniture.

Choked to Death on Collar Button.

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Choked by a collar button which he had swallowed in a sneezing spell, ten-year-old William D. Brown, of 2731 Oxford street, died in the arms of his crazed mother, who in vain sought to save the life of her boy. William was upstairs changing his clothing when he put a collar button in his mouth while putting on another shirt. He was seized with a sneezing fit, which forced the button down his throat, where it lodged firmly in the opening of the windpipe. The boy struggled frantically to dislodge the button, but was helpless. Choking and in terrible agony, he ran downstairs and threw himself in his mother's lap, where he quickly lapsed into unconsciousness, and died before a doctor could be summoned.

Senator Clay Ill.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator Alexander S. Clay, of Georgia, is ill with an attack of acute indigestion at his apartment in this city. The senator's physician says that he is seriously ill, although not in immediate danger. Senator Clay was taken ill in the senate chamber on Friday after his speech on the Aldrich currency bill.

Killed in Quarrel Over a Woman.

Bloomburg, Pa., Feb. 18.—In a quarrel over a woman at West Berwick, near here, Carlo S. Kish, a Hungarian, was shot and instantly killed by Telesca Koloshi, a fellow countryman. Julia Kish, the eleven-year-old daughter of the murdered man, saw the shooting. Koloshi is in jail.

YOUTHFUL PICKPOCKETS

Fifteen-Year-Old and Five-Year-Old Girls Adept Thieves.

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Picked up at Seventh and Vine streets on suspicion of being pickpockets, Annie Smith, fifteen years old, and her half-sister, Marie Ross, five years old, told the police a startling story of instruction in crime. To prove their assertions, they demonstrated their skill at the city hall before Director Clay and a squad of detectives.

Annie Smith, the elder girl, did most of the talking, but the other, almost a baby, showed a skill in pocket picking and purse opening that was positively uncanny. To demonstrate their ability Director Clay asked them to open a small grip, so that the person holding it should not know he was being "touched." The task was ridiculously easy, and the elder girl's story that they had gained more than \$2000 for their antics, a mysterious man and woman, in the last half year was received as true.

According to Annie Smith's story, they were taken from their home in Camden about six months ago by the man and woman whose names and address she has given to the police.

They were carefully drilled in pocket picking, and when they became proficient a tour of the country was planned.

The girl says they traveled to many cities, and she and her baby half sister picked pockets in all of them. She stoutly insists that their thefts amount to \$2000.

GILLETTE MUST DIE

Court of Appeals Sustains Conviction of Grace Brown's Slayer.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Chester E. Gillette, who was convicted at Herkimer in November, 1906, of murdering his sweetheart, Grace Brown, must die in the electric chair, for the court of appeals affirmed the judgment of the supreme court.

Young Gillette has been in the death house at Auburn prison since sentence was pronounced.

"Billy" Brown, as Gillette's victim was popularly known, lived in South Otselee, Chenango county. Gillette lived at Cortland. Under pretense of intending to marry the girl, Gillette took her to the Adirondacks in the summer of 1906. On July 12 her body was found in Big Moose lake, and a few days later Gillette was arrested on Fulton Chain.

MURDER SUSPECTED

Companion of Dead Man Placed Under Arrest.

Pottstown, Pa., Feb. 18.—The body of Mike Bodish was found by two Pottstown fishermen in the Schuylkill river near Brookes crossing. The body bore evidences of foul play and Stief Sabo was arrested, charged with the crime. Sabo was committed to the Montgomery county jail at Norristown. A wound evidently inflicted by a blunt instrument was discovered on the dead man's head. Sabo, it is alleged, was enamored with Mrs. Bodish. Bodish and Sabo were last seen together on Saturday afternoon near Brookes crossing. Bodish's watch was found in his pocket.

BLEW HIS SON'S HEAD OFF

Father Took Double-Barrelled Shotgun to Young Man's Home.

Shamokin, Pa., Feb. 18.—Crad White, of this place, took a double-barrelled shotgun to the home of his son John in Locust Gap, near here, and after a quarrel shot the young man dead.

The son's head was half blown off with a load of buckshot. The father was arrested and brought to jail here. The men had been on unfriendly terms for some time.

Priest Killed By Electric Car.

Niles, Mich., Feb. 18.—Rev. Father Andrew Salmon was instantly killed and Father Murphy was perhaps fatally injured at South Bend, Ind., when their cutter was struck by an electric car. Father Salmon's body was completely cut in two and Father Murphy suffered several fractures. They were unable to turn out of the way of the car owing to the fact that they were caught in between a snow drift and sand bank. Both priests have been connected with Notre Dame college.

Jaw Dislocated Nineteen Times.

Philadelphia, Feb. 18.—For the nineteenth time in five weeks, Mrs. Mary Schmitz was taken to the city hospital with her jaw dislocated. Every time she yawns her jaw gets awry, and she is compelled to have it put into place by a surgeon. Mrs. Schmitz first dislocated her jaw while at the theatre. The play was uninteresting and she yawned. Since then every yawn has unhinged her jaw.

Drove Tack Through Child's Tongue.

Uhrichsville, O., Feb. 19.—Humane Officer Jackson swore out a warrant in New Philadelphia for Miss Clara Stirling, twenty-four years old, a teacher at the county children's home. Jackson declares Miss Stirling confessed to him that she drove a tack through the tongue of eight-year-old Simpson Fowler, an inmate of the home.

Receivers For Mutual Reserve.

New York, Feb. 17.—Receivers were appointed for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, upon the application of a policyholders' committee.

Resumption at Cambria Works.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 18.—Work was resumed in the Bessemer department of the Cambria Steel company, giving employment to 2000 men. The resumption is for an indefinite period.

Farm and Garden

POTATO CHARACTER.

Signs of Good Keeping and Good Cooking Quality.

The characteristics of potatoes as to keeping quality and general excellence become very apparent about this time of year and should be borne in mind when the question of seed for another crop comes up.

Potatoes of a corky appearance or touch are usually preferred to the smooth and clear skinned tubers. This appearance or touch is in some instances a variety characteristic, but in



TUBER SHOWING SKIN RUPTURES.

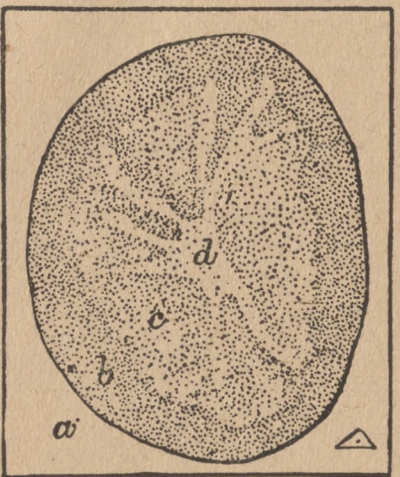
general it indicates a degree of maturity or development which promises good cooking quality. On the other hand, the potatoes of smooth and clear skin are oftentimes excessively watery or immature.

The presence of lenticels—that is, bodies of cells which during growth enlarge and rupture the skin—is not objectionable, for they usually indicate normal growth and development in a healthy environment.

In an investigation of the quality of potatoes carried on by J. W. Gilmore at the New York Cornell experiment station parts considered in the physical examination were the surface or skin, the cortical layer or portion immediately under the skin and varying from .1 to .5 inch in thickness, the external medullary area—that is, the main starch part of the tuber—and the internal medullary area or central portion of the potato, which often branches into the external medullary area and is more or less translucent on account of its high moisture content.

As regards the skin, it was noted that uneven tubers with deep eyes were undesirable for market, while a netted skin indicated maturity and, as a general rule, good quality. A smooth skin indicated immaturity, and hence poor keeping quality and a tendency toward undesirable flavor. Scabby potatoes were often mealy and of good color, but undesirable from the market standpoint. Tubers which had grown in part exposed to the air were heavy and soggy when cooked and of poor color and undesirable flavor.

In general it was found that when the cortical layer is thick and dense the tubers are of poor quality, and this condition is an indication that they grew near the surface, where the temperature and moisture conditions were more variable than deeper in the soil. A uniform external medullary area indicates an even distribution of starch cells and of starch grains within the cell. When this layer is not uniform it is an indication that the starch cells are unevenly distributed and interspersed with watery areas. A large



TRANSVERSE SECTION OF POTATO. [A, skin; B, cortical layer; C, outer medullary layer; D, inner medullary layer.]

and branching internal medullary area indicates that there is a large proportion of the potato substance which does not contain enough starch grains to rupture the cell walls when the tuber is boiled, and hence a soggy rather than a starchy cooked product results. When the internal medullary area is small it is an indication of uniformity in the starch area and a small proportion of watery substance.

Horse Talk.

Overhead hayracks compel the horses to inhale dust. This is bad for the lungs.

Hay should be well forked and shaken and slightly dampened and fed on the floor or in slatted mangers.

The farmer should not buy his work horses. He should raise them. He can grow them at a profit.

It is better for the average farmer to raise draft coats.—Farm Journal.

Continuous Cropping.

It has been observed by S. Fraser of New York that mangels and sugar beets grown continuously on the same land for four years were much more susceptible to leaf spot than when grown in a rotation with other crops.

Pigs in Pasture.

The damage done by hogs to alfalfa pastures is estimated by a Nebraska man at one-half the crop or less.

TOBACCO CROPS.

Seed Selection and Improved Handling of Plants.

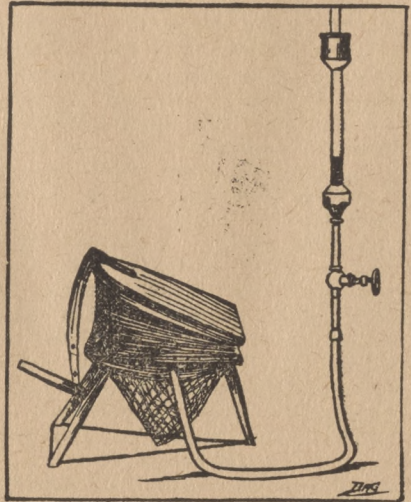
By W. H. SCHERFFIUS, tobacco expert, Kentucky experiment station.

The importance of good seed in every crop has been demonstrated so often that every farmer should know that it pays him well to plant only the best. Tobacco is no exception to this rule. Light, chaffy seeds that are low in vitality give us plants that are weaklings with slow growth. Various schemes for separating the light from the heavy tobacco seed have been suggested, but the most thoroughly practical method is by means of a piece of apparatus introduced by the bureau of plant industry and a current of air which is generated with the foot bellows, as shown in the cut. The air passes through the rubber tube, then through the valve, which can be regulated to admit of the passage of the desired amount of air to accomplish the best separation. The air passes up through a piece of half inch iron tube, thence through a larger glass tube and out at the top, carrying with it the light, chaffy seed. At the base of the glass tube, which is about an inch in diameter and five or six feet long, is a metallic joint which has a piece of fine wire gauze in it to prevent the seed from falling into the valve below. Using about an ounce of seed for each charge, only a few minutes are required to separate a considerable quantity.

This piece of apparatus can be made by most any mechanic, or it can be purchased from any chemical supply house. Every community should own one of these machines for the benefit of its farmers.

Improved methods of handling the crop is a topic of such magnitude that we deem it expedient at this writing not to go into detailed discussion of this phase of the subject.

Although the white burley and dark tobaccos are different types, the same



TOBACCO SEED SEPARATOR.

general methods employed in the state for handling the crops are similar. It is desirable and usually the custom to select a piece of virgin soil for a seed bed. During the winter or early spring it is heated to a depth of two or three inches by burning brushwood or similar material on it to kill any weed seeds that would germinate and hinder the growth of the young tobacco plants. After the plot of ground is cool it is then dug up, slightly raised into beds, raked and put in good condition for the seed.

Although the cultural methods and mechanical manipulations of seeding, canvassing the beds, transplanting, cultivation and housing are adjusted to suit each locality, they are all carried out on the same general plan. There is often from two or two and one-half times as much burley tobacco set on the ground as is put on the same area in the dark tobacco district.

Bitter Rot of Apples.

It is well known that the bitter rot of apples is due to a specific fungus. This fungus grows on developing apples, beginning at any time during the summer or autumn when the conditions are favorable after the fruits are formed and until after they are ripe, and it lives as a parasite in the bark of apple tree limbs, usually in localized areas called cankers. It does not occur upon the leaves.

The fungus lives over winter in woundlike spots called cankers on the limbs of the apple trees, and from these infection may start the succeeding season. Not infrequently the location of a canker can be made out by the spots beneath it on the growing fruit caused by spores washing with rainwater from the former on to the surfaces of the apples. The area of such infection in a well fruited tree frequently takes the form of a cone with its apex upward at or beneath the limb canker. The water carrying the spores does not descend perpendicularly because of the interference of the foliage; hence the wider area of infection below.—Illinois Experiment Station.

Corn and Emmer.

In some experiments with two-year old grade steers it was found that a pound of corn was equal to one and a quarter pounds of emmer. Where the corn and emmer were mixed half and half by weight the relation was about the same, with a small increase in gain in favor of the mixture. With hogs it required seven to eight pounds of emmer as against about five pounds of corn to produce a pound of gain.

A Satisfactory Herd.

Choice cows can seldom be bought at reasonable figures, unless it be at a dispersion sale. The owners know their worth and will not part with them. This being the case, the only way we can get a satisfactory herd is to raise it. This is not only more satisfactory, but it is much more economical.

THE ODOR OF SANCITY.

A French Writer's Theory of How It May Be Exuded by Man.

Dr. Georges Dumas is the author of an article in the Revue de Paris on "The Odor of Sanctity." The writer accepts as true the numerous reported instances of saints and mystics of the Catholic church whose bodies after death or during moments of ecstasy emitted peculiarly pleasing odors of various kinds. Then men and women with whom such legends deal, argues Dr. Dumas, were neurasthenes, and it is not impossible that the aroma of sanctity which surrounded them was the product of strictly physiological and chemical changes common to all men, but present in highly intensified form in subjects who, so to speak, burned up the candle of their existence at an unusually rapid rate. He says in part:

"So far, then, we have come across a great variety of perfumes—cinnamon, clove, orange, pineapple, rose, violet, lily of the valley, yellow amber and benzoin. Now, the natural constitution of all of these is well known, and chemistry produces them daily for commercial purposes. We may therefore substitute the equivalent chemical expressions for the ordinary terms we have employed and say that orange, cinnamon, violet and musk owe their perfume to aldehydes and acetones, aromatic liquids derived from the alcohols, just as the artificial essence of pineapple comes from butyric ether. We have, then, to ask whether the human body can produce odorous compounds of the kind we have mentioned and under what conditions. As a matter of fact, it does produce a certain number of such compounds in the destruction of organic matter, which is the constant condition of life, in particular acetones and the volatile fatty acids, butyric, formic, acetic, etc. If the process of combustion is normal all these constituents are burned up, completely oxidized, and give as a residue water, carbonic acid and urea. But let some slackening occur in the inmost nutrition of the tissues and the same constituents will escape through the breath, perspiration and the skin."

MAGIC MIRRORS.

Peculiar Effects in Some of the Polished Bronze Reflectors.

Now and then mirrors of a curious kind are seen in Europe. They are called "magic mirrors" and are of Japanese origin, made not of glass silvered, but of cast bronze, polished on the face and bearing on the back raised patterns, inscriptions, symbolical designs, crests or pictures. When exposed to a bright beam of light from the sun or from an electric lamp they reflect in the light from their polished face the image of the pattern on their backs.

This is a purely optical property and has of course nothing in common with the fortune telling magic crystals of the astrologer or the alleged magic mirrors of necromancy, yet it long puzzled the scientific optician and even now is little known or believed. The researches of various scientific men have established the fact that the phenomenon is due to very minute differences of curvature in the polished face, differences so minute that they do not affect the ordinary use of the mirror as a looking glass and that can be detected only by delicate optical tests.

The only remaining mystery has been as to how these delicate differences of curvature were produced in exact correspondence to the pattern on the back. The makers themselves are often in ignorance of the magic property and do not know which of their mirrors possess it and which do not. The mirrors are cast in molds and afterward polished by hand, and it is held by scientific men that the difference of curvature is caused by the metal's yielding unequally under that pressure of the tools used in scraping and polishing, the thin parts naturally bending more than the thick. This accounts for the mirrors' becoming magic.—Chicago News.

Book Auction Back in 1732.

John Montgomerie, governor of the province of New York, died on July 1, 1731. In the New York Gazette of May 8, 1732, is the following advertisement, the first of the kind:

"On Thursday, June 1, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, will begin to be sold at public auction a collection of valuable books belonging to the library of his excellency John Montgomerie, Esq., late governor of New York, etc., deceased. A catalogue of the books may be seen at the Coffee House in New York, with the conditions of sale."

This is also the first instance where the word "auction" appears, "vendue" being the term in general use.

Heavier Ammunition.

"Is this the man we are to initiate tonight?" asked the illustrious conductor.

"It is," replied the outside guard. The illustrious conductor walked around the 350 pound candidate, inspected him carefully and turned to his assistant.

"Put the goat back," he said, "and bring me a mule."—Chicago Tribune.

He Gets Too Many.

"My, John, you haven't a particle of tact!"

"What have I done now?" "Asking Mr. Hamfat to dinner and telling him you will give him a good roast! And he a second rate actor!"—Baltimore American.

One Way.

Husband—I don't know how much of an allowance to give you. Wife—You know how much you can afford, don't you? Husband—Why, yes. Wife—Then give me as much more as you can spare.—Illustrated Bits.

TWO BIG CLOTHING EVENTS AT WEITZENKORNS'.

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Everybody in Pottstown knows of our Annual Trousers Sale when we gather together all the odd trousers discovered by our yearly inventory and place them on sale at greatly reduced prices.

This year the selection is particularly fine and unusually low priced. Besides a goodly number of high grade trousers that belong to suits that were sold without them we have added a number of special trousers of various high grade fabrics such as Fancy Worsteds, Cheviots, Cassimeres, Black Tibets, etc.

This sale affords an excellent opportunity to buy a pair of trousers to match that coat and vest which still looks well even if the trousers have worn out. It saves the cost of a new suit and appears almost as well. Here's a short story of the prices:

All Regular \$3.00 Trousers, now - - \$2.00.

All Regular \$3.50 and \$4 Trousers, now - - \$2.75.

All Regular \$5 and \$6 Trousers, now - - \$3.33.

All sizes are included in the selection and the slim, stout or medium man will find no trouble in obtaining his proper size. This is a sale of clothing that is like all Weitzenkorn's sales out of the ordinary and it behooves those who would profit by these reductions to be on hand early. The markings are of the quick-clearing character.

A General Reduction of Raincoats---Our First.

There's no use denying the fact that there has been a backward season and that ready money has been hard to obtain. We're in the same position everybody else is and to make way for incoming stocks we must clear out what we have on hand regardless of the price. This is the first time we have ever made such a sweeping reduction in our Raincoat Department and it's an opportunity to buy a coat that will not only keep you warm but that is a perfect rain shedder as well at an unheard-of price. Just read the two items below for some information as to the big values in this offering, then come look over the stock and come soon for a good choice.

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There are some real beauties in the lot and you must see them to realize the greatness of the values. Coats in the lot sold regularly from \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00. Not many of \$20 variety. Come early for your choice. Sale price..... \$11.75

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